

STEP UP TO 6TH FORM KIMBERLEY SCHOOL TRANSITION INFORMATION

Religious Studies A Level OCR

COURSE DETAILS

Philosophy of Religion

- Ancient philosophical influences
- The nature of the soul, mind and body
- Arguments about the existence or non-existence of God
- The nature and impact of religious experience
- The challenge for religious belief of the problem of evil
- Ideas about the Nature of God
- Issues in Religious Language

Religion and Ethics

- Normative ethical theories, religious, teleological and deontological approaches
- The application of ethical theory to Business Ethics, Euthanasia and Sexual Ethics
- Debates surrounding the idea of conscience
- Meta Ethics

Developments in Religious Thought

- Augustine and Human Nature
- Death and the Afterlife
- Knowledge of God's Existence
- Christian Moral Principles and Action
- Contemporary Christian Theology and Society
- Gender in Theology and Society
- Secularisation and Liberation Theology

EXAMS



3 x 2hrs - 33.3%

LINK TO THE SPECIFICATION



See a detailed document of what we will cover in this course:

https://ocr.org.uk/Images/242913-specification-accredited-a-level-gce-religious-studies-h573.pdf Watch these interviews to understand why people study Religion, Philosophy and Ethics: https://www.closertotruth.com/series/why-study-theology



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Work you can do to prepare for A Level study

Wider Reading

- Dawkins, R. (2006). The God Delusion
- McGrath, A. (1991). Introduction to Christian Theology
- Vardy, P. (1994). The Puzzle of Ethics

Research Key Scholars

- Plato
- Aristotle
- St. Augustine
- Thomas Aquinas • Immanuel Kant
- David Hume
- Richard Dawkins
- Karl Barth
- John Calvin



FILM & TV



The Good Place

The Matrix

Erin Brokovich

The Truman show

Bruce Almighty

Youtube: Wireless philosophy

Stephen Fry's documentary episode 1

"out there"

"Beyond Belief" BBC episodes

BOOKS



Sophie Choice - William Styron Sophie's World - Jostein Gaarder Bave new World - Aldous Huxey His Dark Materials - Philip Pullman

Night - Elie Wiesel

'The Pig That Wants To Be Eaten: And 99 Other Thought Experiments'- Julian Baggini

USEFUL RESOURCE LINKS



For content and wider reading https://peped.org/

For Podcasts and Audiobooks: https://thepanpsycast.com/home For some content and wider reading: http://www.philosopherkings.co.uk/

www.kimberleyschool.co.uk