

Religious Studies, Philosophy and Ethics Programme of Study Y12-13

The following skills are developed concurrently and with progressive complexity as students move through the Programme of Study: **Investigation and enquiry** **Critical thinking and reflection** **Empathy** **Analysis** **Interpretation** **Evaluation**

Year 12		Year 13		
Phase 1	<p>Philosophical issues and questions</p> <p>1.1 Design Argument 1.2 Cosmological Argument 1.3 Ontological Argument</p> <p>The Nature and Influence of Religious Experience</p> <p>2.1 The Nature of Religious Experience 2.2 The Influence of Religious Experience as an argument for the existence of God.</p>	<p>A Study of Three Ethical Theories</p> <p>2.1 Utilitarianism 2.2 Situation Ethics Ethics Anthology: (1) Barclay W – Ethics in a Permissive Society, Chapter 4 Situation Ethics, 2.3 Natural Moral Law</p> <p>New Testament Social, historical and religious context of the New Testament</p> <p>1.1 Prophecy regarding the Messiah (1) 1.2 The world of the first century and the significance of this context for the life and work of Jesus</p>	<p>Religious language</p> <p>4.1 Analogy and Symbol 4.2 Verification and falsification debates 4.3 Language Games</p> <p>Anthology Extracts x2</p> <p>(2) Mitchell B (ed) – The Philosophy of Religion, Flew A, Hare R M – Chapter 1</p> <p>(3) Mitchell B (ed) – The Philosophy of Religion, 1st edition, Flew A, Mitchell B – Chapter 1</p> <p>Works of Scholars</p> <p>5.1 Context to critiques of religious belief and points for discussion 5.2 A comparison of a critic of religious belief (Russell) and a believer (Copleston). Anthology Extract (4) (Russell B and Copleston F – The Existence of God</p>	<p>Texts and interpretation: the Kingdom of God, conflict, the death and resurrection of Jesus</p> <p>5.1 Texts and interpretations – The Kingdom of God in Luke: parables of the kingdom and eschatology (5) 5.2 Why did Jesus have to die? (6) 5.3 The crucifixion and resurrection narratives in Luke's Gospel (7)</p> <p>Scientific and historical critical challenges, ethical living and the works of scholars.</p> <p>6.1 Scientific and historical-critical challenges – faith and history: the death and resurrection of Jesus in modern scholarship 6.2 How should we live? (10)</p> <p>New Testament Anthologies</p> <p>(1) Matthew 1:18–2:23 (2) John 1:1–18</p>
Phase 2	<p>Problems of Evil and Suffering</p> <p>3.1 The Problem of Evil and Suffering 3.2 Theodicies and solutions to the problem of Evil and Suffering</p> <p>Anthology Extract</p> <p>(1) Mitchell B (ed) – The Philosophy of Religion, 1st edition, J Mackie – Chapter 5 Evil and Omnipotence,</p>	<p>Significant concepts in issues or debates in religion and Ethics</p> <p>1.1 Environmental Issues</p> <p>3.1 War and Peace</p> <p>Texts and interpretation of the Person of Jesus</p> <p>2.1 The Prologue in John (2) 2.2 Titles of Jesus in the synoptic gospels and selected 'I am' sayings in John (3) 2.3 Miracles and signs (4)</p>	<p>Ethical Language</p> <p>4.1 Meta Ethics 4.2 The relationship between religion and morality</p>	<p>(3) John 6:24–59, 8:12, 9:1–12, 10:1–21, 15:1–17 (4) John 2:1–11, 4:43–54, 5:1–15, 6:1–24, 9:1–12 and 11:1–44 (5) Luke 8:1–15, 11:14–32, 13:22–30, 14:15–24, 17:20–37, 18:18–30, 19:11–27 (6) John 2:12–25, 5:16–47, 7:25–52, 8:12–59, 9:13–34, 10:22–42, 11:45–57, 18:1–19:16</p>
Phase 3	<p>Application of Ethical Theories to issues of Importance</p> <p>1.2 Equality</p> <p>3.2 Sexual Ethics</p>	<p>Interpreting the text and issues of relationship, purpose and authorship</p> <p>3.1 Interpreting the text 3.2 The purpose and authorship of the Fourth Gospel</p>	<p>Influences of developments in religious belief</p> <p>6.1 Views about life after death across a range of religious 6.2 Points for discussion about Life after death traditions 6.3 Religion and Science debates and their significance for Philosophy of religion</p> <p>Ethics</p> <p>Medical ethics: beginning and end of life issues</p> <p>6.1 Issues in medical ethics with a focus on beginning and end of life debates (4)</p> <p>(4) Wilcockson M – Issues of Life and Death, Chapter 4 Euthanasia and Doctors' Ethics,</p>	<p>(7) Luke 23:26–24:53 (8) Morison F – Who Moved the Stone?, Chapter 8 Between Sunset and Dawn , pp.88–102 9) Wilson I – Jesus: The Evidence, Chapter 10 Did Jesus Really Rise From the Dead?, (10) Luke 6:17–26, 10:25–37, 15:1–32, 16:19–31</p>
Phase 4	<p>Deontology, Virtue Ethics and the works of scholars</p> <p>5.1 A comparison of the work of Immanuel Kant and Aristotle with regard to Deontology and Virtue Ethics respectively</p> <p>Ethics Anthologies (2) Kant I – Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals, (3) Aristotle – The Nicomachean Ethics, Book II, Moral Virtue,</p>	<p>Ways of interpreting the scripture</p> <p>4.1 Ways of interpreting Scripture</p>	<p>Revision</p> <p>Revision of all material covered throughout the A-level course</p>	STUDY LEAVE

