

Religious Studies (Philosophy and Ethics)

Year 11-12 Bridging work

Due: 1st lesson in September

Welcome to the start of your A level course. We are really looking forward to working with you!

Course overview

Specification: OCR

Component 1: Philosophy of Religion

Including ancient philosophical influences, the nature of the soul, mind and body, the nature and impact of religious experience, the problem of evil and issues in religious language.

Component 2: Religion and Ethics

Including normative ethical theories, the application of ethical theory to two contemporary issues of importance, ethical language, conscience, sexual ethics and the influence on ethical thought on religious beliefs.

Component 3: Developments in Religious Thought

Including exploring religious beliefs, values and teachings, their interconnections and how they vary historically and in the contemporary world. Exploring sources of religious wisdom and authority, practices which shape religious identity, significant social and historical developments in theology and key themes related to the relationship between religion and society.

Task:

Your challenge is to write two essays for us- we can't wait to hear your views and see what you come up with! Each essay should be roughly 2 pages written or 1 ½ pages typed. It should include an introduction, discussion and conclusion.

Essay 1: Ethics: Do businesses have a moral duty to put their customers first?

Include arguments from at least two different points of view. Research different views on the topic and note sources used. You may want to consider corporate social responsibility – that business has responsibility to its stakeholders. You could illustrate this by referring to businesses who have been in the news for the wrong reasons e.g. VW emissions scandal, Sports Direct warehouse etc. Perhaps you could contrast this with the view of Milton Friedman – that businesses' only duty is to make money may be explored first and contrasted with the social responsibility of companies such as Cadburys and Body Shop.

Essay 2: Philosophy: Does God exist?

Include religious and philosophical arguments for different views. Research and include one of the following arguments in the essay: the teleological argument from either Aquinas, Paley or Tennent; the cosmological argument of Aquinas or the Kalam form; or the ontological argument by Anselm.

Good luck and if you're ever unsure, do email and we can give you some further ideas:

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