

Course Outline: Religious studies OCR

Year 12

Rationale:

The course combines three distinct, yet inter-related disciplines: Philosophy (**P**), Ethical Theory (**ET**), and Development of Christian Thought/Theology (**DCT**). We begin by studying foundational topics in these three disciplines. These are built upon in a carefully sequenced way, ensuring that concepts are revisited, complemented, or developed further through new learning; for example, the teaching of Natural Law (ET) draws heavily on the concepts learnt when studying Aristotle (P); Christian moral action (DCT) relies on a good knowledge of Christian moral principles (DCT) and Situation Ethics (E). This provides opportunities to make synoptic links throughout the course, to improve understanding of the course as a whole unit, and to ensure frequent revision of key concepts.

	CONTENT	KEY/FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS	ASSESSMENT
Autumn Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilitarianism (ET) Plato (P) Aristotle (P) Kantian Ethics (ET) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normative theories Teleology / deontology / Relativism / absolutism Utility / Hedonic Calculus Act / Rule utilitarianism <i>A priori / A posteriori</i> Empiricism Reality Forms Analogy Four causes: material, efficient, formal, final Prime Mover Duty / Deontology / absolutism Hypothetical / Categorical imperatives Three postulates: freedom / autonomy / God 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilitarianism: Homework essay, seen question worth 40 marks Plato: Homework essay, seen question worth 40 marks Kantian Ethics: Unseen question, timed in class worth 40 marks
	Half-term		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soul, mind & body (P) Business ethics (ET) Knowledge of God (DCT) Cosmological argument (P) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Metaphysics of consciousness Substance dualism / Materialism Metaphor Category error Kantian Ethics & Utilitarianism Corporate social responsibility Whistleblowing Globalisation Capitalism Natural / Revealed knowledge <i>Imago Dei / sensus divinitatis / semen religionis.</i> Immediate and mediate revelation Unmoved mover / Uncaused cause Necessity & contingency Principle of sufficient reason Analogy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soul, mind & body: Unseen question, timed in class worth 40 marks Knowledge of God: Unseen question, timed in class worth 40 marks Cosmological argument: Homework essay, seen question worth 40 marks
	Christmas Holiday		

Spring Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural Law (ET) Teleological argument (P) Situation Ethics (ET) Ontological argument (P) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aquinas Telos Precepts / Synderesis Four tiers of law Real vs apparent goods Analogy Aquinas' Fifth Way / Paley Evolution Agape / Six propositions / four working principles Conscience <p>Theodicy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moral & natural evil Inconsistent triad / Evidential problem A priori, a posteriori Contingency, necessity Ontological / Analytic / Predicate 	<p>January Exam: Unseen Philosophy and Ethics question, timed in class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural Law: In class knowledge test. Teleological argument: Homework essay, seen question, worth 40 marks Situation Ethics: Homework essay, seen question worth 40 marks Ontological argument: In class knowledge test
	Half-term		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Euthanasia (ET) Augustine (DCT) Death & the afterlife (DCT) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural Law & Situation Ethics Voluntary and non-voluntary euthanasia Sanctity and Quality of Life The Fall & Human Relationships Concupiscence Original Sin / Humanity as a '<i>massa peccati</i>'. Grace Heaven / Hell / Purgatory Election – limited / unlimited Universalism / Salvation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Euthanasia: Unseen question, timed in class seen question worth 40 marks Augustine: Homework essay, seen question worth 40 marks Death & the afterlife: Group Presentation
Easter Holiday			
Summer Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus (DCT) Religious Experience (P) Christian moral principles (DCT) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authority / Divinity / Son of God / Heresy Teacher of Wisdom Liberator (theological, existential, socio-economic) Mystical and conversion experiences Corporate / individual experiences Ineffable, Noetic, Transient, Passive. Numinous <p>Psychological explanation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authority Theonomous / Heteronomous / Autonomous ethics <i>Sola scriptura</i> 	<p>Mock Exam: Ethics, Philosophy & DCT essay each worth 40 marks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus: Group presentation Religious Experience: Homework essay, seen question worth 40 marks
	Half-term		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian moral Principles (DCT) • Christian moral action (DCT) • Evil & suffering (P) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magisterium • Scripture / Tradition / Reason • Agape • Christian denominations • Crisis theology / Historical context • Duty to God & State • Obedience to God • Cheap and costly Grace • Discipleship • Community (Finkenwalde) • Solidarity & suffering • Religionless Christianity • Theodicy • Moral & natural evil • Inconsistent triad / Evidential problem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian moral principles: Knowledge Test • Christian moral action: Homework essay, seen question seen question worth 40 marks • Evil & suffering: Unseen question, timed in class seen question worth 40 marks
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Year 13

	CONTENT	KEY/FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS	ASSESSMENT	
Autumn Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conscience (ET) • Concept of God (P) • Sexual Ethics (ET) 	<p>Aquinas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synderesis & conscientia • Vincible / invincible ignorance • Recto ratio <p>Freud:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychosexual development • Id, ego & superego • Authority /Guilt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Omnipotence, omniscience, omnibenevolence, eternity and free will. • Paradox <p>Eternity, Freewill & Benevolence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premarital sex / Extramarital sex /Homosexuality • Church tradition / Biblical hermeneutics and exegesis / Secularism 	<p>Conscience: Unseen question, timed in class. (40 Marks)</p> <p>Concept of God: Unseen question, timed in class. (40 Marks)</p> <p>Sexual Ethics: Unseen question, timed in class. (40 Marks)</p>	
	Half-term			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pluralism & Theology (DCT) • Pluralism and Society (DCT) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exclusivism, Inclusivism & Pluralism • Word & Revelation • <i>Solus Christus & Extra ecclesiam nulla salus.</i> • Noumenal Reality • Inter-faith dialogue • Scriptural reasoning • Evangelism and conversion 	<p>Mock exam: Ethics, Philosophy & DCT</p> <p>Pluralism & Theology: Unseen question, timed in class. (40 Marks)</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The challenge of Secularism (DCT) Liberation Theology and Marx (DCT) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God: Illusion and wish fulfilment Religion and public life Marx's teaching on alienation & exploitation Structural and social sin Orthopraxis / Orthodoxy Capitalism / Preferential option for the poor 	<p>Pluralism and Society: Homework essay, seen question. (40 Marks)</p> <p>Secularism: Unseen question, timed in class. (40 Marks)</p> <p>Liberation Theology: Homework essay, seen question. (40 Marks)</p>	
Christmas Holiday				
Spring Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gender and Society (DCT) Religious Language: Negative, Analogical or Symbolic (P) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patriarchy & misogyny Motherhood / parenthood liberal, reconstruction and radical feminism Stereotypes Theotokos Univocal language & anthropomorphism, Equivocal language & mystery/agnosticism Via Negativa Analogical language Language as symbolic 	<p>Gender and Society: Unseen question, timed in class. (40 Marks)</p> <p>Religious Language: Negative, Analogical or Symbolic: Homework essay, seen question. (40 Marks)</p>	
	Half-term			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gender and Theology (DCT) Religious Language: Twentieth Century perspectives (P) Meta Ethics (ET) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patriarchy, Messiah, Wisdom Incarnation Spirituality through nature The Unholy Trinity: Rape, Genocide, war (Rapism) Logical positivism Verification principle Cognitivism The falsification symposium Blik Naturalism Fact-value distinction / The naturalistic fallacy. Intuitionism Emotivism: 'boo-hurrah' 	<p>Gender and Theology: Homework essay, seen question. (40 Marks)</p>	
	Easter Holiday			
Summer Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student voice survey to determine in class revision topics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal Assessment: Religious Language: Twentieth Century perspectives: Unseen question, timed in class. (40 Marks) Internal Assessment: Meta Ethics: Unseen question, timed in class. (40 Marks) 	
	Half-term			
	Exams and Revision			