



# A Level Philosophy



## Why study Philosophy?

Through studying philosophy, you are asking, answering and evaluating some of life's most fundamental questions. Whilst studying a fascinating course you will also gain invaluable skills, highly sought by both higher education and employers. The study of questions human beings have been trying to answer for centuries will enhance your problem solving skills as well as your ability to analyse concepts, definitions, arguments and problems. It also contributes to your capacity to organise ideas and issues, to deal with questions of value and to extract what is essential from large quantities of information.

Exam Board:



## Overview of course content

### A Level (specification code: 7172)

Examination	% of A Level
<b>Paper 1:</b> Epistemology (section A) and Moral Philosophy (section B)  Exam duration: 2 hours (100 marks)	50%
<b>Paper 2:</b> The Metaphysics of God (section A) and the Metaphysics of The Mind (section B)  Exam duration: 3 hours (100 marks)	50%

A Level Philosophy comprises of four topic areas:

#### Epistemology

- What is Knowledge?
- Perception as a Source of Knowledge
- Reason as a Source of Knowledge
- The Limits of Knowledge

#### Moral Philosophy

- Normative Ethical Theories
- Applied Ethics
- Meta-ethics

#### Metaphysics of God

- The Concept and Nature of 'God'
- Arguments Relating to the Existence of God
- Religious Language

#### Metaphysics of Mind

- What Do We Mean by 'Mind'?
- Dualist Theories
- Physicalist Theories
- Functionalism



## Careers/Future Opportunities

Many of our students go on to higher education and have gone on to study Philosophy, Law, History or PPE at various institutions; many within the Russell Group.

Most philosophy students go on to get good jobs in a wide range of fields including: law; medicine; business; education; journalism; government; communications; public relations; management; social service and many more.

Heading for a career in the business world? The skills you can develop through the study of philosophy are just those that employers are looking for.

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