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## A Level Religious Studies - Philosophy, Christian Thought and Ethics

<b>Course Title:</b> A Level Philosophy, Christian Thought and Ethics	<b>LARS/QAN Code:</b> 601/8868/6
<b>Level:</b> Three	<b>Awarding Organisation:</b> OCR
<b>Delivery:</b> Classroom based	<b>Start Date:</b> 8/9/2020
<b>Location:</b> Headlands School	<b>Url:</b> <a href="http://www.headlandsschool.co.uk/">http://www.headlandsschool.co.uk/</a>
<b>Cost:</b> Covered by EFA funding	<b>Duration:</b> 2 years
<b>Full-time or Part-time:</b> Full-time	<b>Attendance:</b> Daytime
<b>Who is the course for:</b>	
<p>OCR Religious Studies (Philosophy and Ethics) is about using rational argument and logical thinking to shine a light on life's big questions. It will encourage a greater understanding of the world we live in as you consider thought provoking questions.</p> <p>You will learn to argue and justify opinions from many different perspectives and how these can relate or disagree with each other. You will improve your higher level thinking techniques and debating skills by analysing and evaluating themes and concepts of the human condition.</p>	
<b>Entry requirements:</b>	
<p>Typical grades needed 5 x GCSE grade 5 and above. Beneficial to have a Grade 6 in English Literature.</p> <p>Philosophy, Christian Thought and Ethics does not require any Religious Studies, History or Critical Thinking. It is a new course which teaches you how to take responsibility for your own learning, and demands a high degree of self-motivation to read around subject content outside of lessons. Be prepared to contribute and argue a particular point of view, revise on a regular basis and ask a lot of questions, especially when it comes to ethical arguments. Resources may have to be purchased by yourself to fully succeed in the course.</p>	
<b>What you'll learn:</b>	
<p><i>What will I Study?</i> You will cover 3 topics, Philosophy of Religion, Religion and Ethics and Development of Christian thought. These topics cover issues such as Euthanasia, the Meaning of Life and Purpose, Soul, Mind and Body, The Problem of Evil, Death and Afterlife and What are Moral Actions?</p> <p><i>Philosophy of Religion</i> Philosophy is the oldest academic study and you get the chance to follow in the footsteps of many great thinkers and evaluate their views. Christianity will be the religion focussed on within this subject. This is because modern Philosophy responds to the idea of Christian God</p>	

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and challenges the issues and flaws within Christian teaching. The fundamental question for Philosophy of Religion is whether God exists at all. Studying Philosophy of Religion requires an open mind as many topics will leave you with more questions than answers on ultimate questions.

### Religion and Ethics

When approaching Moral issues is it better to focus on actions rather than consequences, the rightness or wrongness of an action differs depending on your religious ideas or philosophical principles? To study Ethics we need to examine theories which are different approaches to making moral decisions and apply them to real life scenarios. Ethics is logical, rational and about clear thinking not driven by desire or emotion. Studying Religion and Ethics you will explore what is right and wrong and form your own ethical system.

### Development of Christian Thought

This does not require religious belief. The Study of theology is to attempt to look at religion from the inside, using the methods, language and view of the world from the insider perspective. We will be exploring Life and Self, Knowledge of God, Jesus as a Person and Moral Principles and Action. To understand these theological ideas and beliefs it is helpful to cultivate an open mind to the possibility that there might be something meaningful within them for yourself. This does not mean surrendering personal opinion but developing tolerance and acceptance as well as where you stand in relation to these concepts.

### How you'll learn:

Lessons will be delivered in a lecture style with discussions on each topic. All topics are in booklets that are completed as we explore the topic and cover all scholar's points of views and arguments. Regular essay writing is essential to learnt eh skills and style of writing required to achieve. You will have to do wider reading to formulate your own opinions and arguments on issues and theological ideas.

### What you need to bring:

You will need basic equipment of pen, highlighter, and pencil. As well as any wider reading you have found on a topic.

### How you'll be assessed:

You will be assessed by three written exams (one for each topic) at the end of the second year of study (Year 13). There is no coursework for this assessment.

### Where next:

This course will offer a range of transferable skills which can be applied far beyond Philosophical and Ethical debate, such as the ability to reason and express views coherently. It will fine tune your reasoning which can help in many careers such as law, politics, civil service, journalism, advertising, education and more. It is looked upon by universities in a positive light, as you will be able to turn abstract views into solid concepts. The Ethical module gives a wide range of views and concepts that are seen as desirable within the medical and business professions, for example therapists, nurses, finance management and government positions.