

Philosophy

A LEVEL

Level 3

AQA

Course overview

This course suits students who have an interest in how different ideas and areas of human thought fit together; whether our deeply-held assumptions about the way the world is can be justified and if arguments, both historical and current, stand up to logical scrutiny. It suits students who have a keen interest in human existence and are prepared to engage intellectually with a number of fascinating and challenging concepts.

Entry Requirements

You must have a minimum of 5 grades 9-4 (equivalent to A*-C) at GCSE, including English and Maths at grade 4, plus you must also meet the specific subject entry requirements.

Subject Specific Requirements

Grade 6 in English GCSE.

Popular Subject Combinations

A Level: English, Classics,
Government and Politics,
Law,
History

BTEC:

Possible Enrichment Opportunities

What will I learn?

Philosophy considers the central issues of human life, focusing on problems and arguments relating to morality, knowledge and understanding, philosophy of religion and philosophy of the mind. You will develop your critical and analytical skills exploring philosophical theory. There is a strong focus on enhancing independent critical learning through reading, writing and discussion and the course is guaranteed to get you thinking about things in a completely new way.

How will I be assessed?

Two 100% written examinations, both worth 50% each.

Where might it lead?

Philosophy is an academically challenging course and so is of great benefit in securing a place at university. If you choose not to go into higher education, the course provides a good basis of skills which are useful in employment, as it develops your communicative and analytical abilities in both spoken and written form. Due to the capabilities students of Philosophy develop, the subject is good preparation for careers in law, civil service, business and education.

If you would like further information about this course please contact the admissions team at

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