

## GCSE Philosophy and ethics

Exam Board: OCR

### Course Description:

The Year 9 course lays a foundation for GCSE study, through examining themes in the Philosophy 1 and Philosophy 2 sections of course, including beliefs about suffering and an afterlife.

### Course content:

**Term 1** - Beliefs about suffering and evil

**Term 2** - Beliefs about end of life

**Term 3 and 4** - Science and Religions

**Term 5** - Review and reflection

**Term 6** - Introduction to Ethics

### Extra-Curricular Opportunities:

Opportunities to learn about different cultures and religions will be explored through the year. Various artefacts and resources will be made available to enhance the student's experience.

### Important information:

The GCSE course examines beliefs about existence and God then how people live as a result of their beliefs. During the course, students will develop an understanding of philosophy and ethics in two different religions.

### Useful websites:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/rs>

### Provision for the Most Able:

By its very nature, the Philosophy and Ethics course requires thinking about beliefs. Everyone has beliefs and so students are able to respond on a variety of levels. More Able students are challenged to explore beliefs in depth, bringing the results of research to share in lessons. Exam questions require the synthesis of views and opinions for top level responses and the resources available to students show how they can develop these at different levels.

### Assessment:

Assessment for learning is fully integrated into the course and in most lessons students have the opportunity to think about and respond to aspects of whole or part exam questions.