



Sixth Form Open Evening

Philosophy & Ethics

"There is within every soul a thirst for happiness and meaning."
~ Thomas Aquinas

What do we believe?



Why am I here?

Is there a right
way to live?

Does God exist?

Is there such a thing as right
and wrong?

Why is there Evil and Suffering in the world?

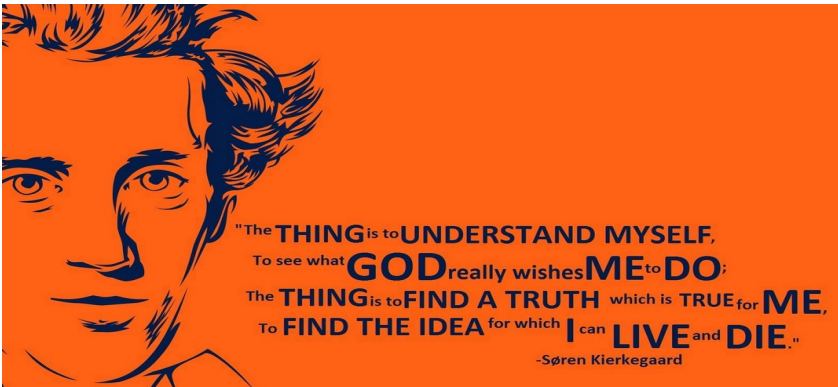
What happens to us when we die?

Do we have a
conscience?



What is Philosophy & Ethics?

- Philosophy literally means '**the love of wisdom**' and Ethics is the **study of morality**.
- To **discover** what it means to be human; to **ask** the biggest questions a person can ask ...
 - Why are we here?
 - Does our life have purpose?
 - How should we live?



Why study Philosophy & Ethics?

- Offers an interesting and intellectually challenging A level.
- Students will consider questions and issues that will concern them throughout their adult life.
- Develops a variety of skills including discussion and debate, logical arguments and critical evaluation.
- All these skills are transferable.
- One of the most rapidly growing subjects at GCSE and A level in last 10 years*

** The Times/the Guardian*



How is the course structured?

Philosophy
-Component 1-

Ethics
-Component 2-

Christianity
(Development of Religious Thoughts)
-Component 3-



How are students assessed?

- All components are assessed by **written examination**.
- **100% Exam** (no coursework).
- **3 x 2hr exams**.
- Each exam will comprise of **3 written essays**.
- All students will be examined on the following papers.
 - Philosophy of Religion paper
 - Religion and Ethics paper
 - Developments in Religious Thoughts paper (Christianity)



Is there anything else I need to know?

- Students often study Philosophy and Ethics who have:
 - **Religious studies (6)**
 - **Inquisitive nature**
 - **Enjoyed Religious Education at GCSE**
- Philosophy and Ethics is highly regarded by universities and employers.
- Graduates in Philosophy & Ethics enter a wide range of careers. E.g. *Broadcast, Legal, Journalism, Education, Politics, Medicine, Human Resources, Police and Social work.*



What will help you in Philosophy?



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Resources

