



# Philosophy



If you enjoy thinking about the meaning of life and asking big questions like why are we here? What is reality? Do we have a soul? You will enjoy A level Philosophy.

Philosophy teaches you how to think for yourself and how to analyse and communicate ideas clearly and logically

The courses will provide a thorough grounding of key concepts and methods of philosophy as well as the opportunity to engage with these big questions.

You will also develop skills that will support you at higher education including critical thinking and clarity of writing.

## Course Content

### Year 12 – paper 1

- Epistemology – what is knowledge? Different types of knowledge, e.g. perception, idealism, realism, illusion and intuition.
- Moral philosophy – theories such as utilitarianism and virtue ethics such as stealing and telling lies.

### Year 13 – paper 2

- Metaphysics of God – nature of God, the problem of evil and religious language
- Metaphysics of mind – existence of the mind and nature of mental states, identity theories

## Assessment

100% Exam

Two exam papers – 3 hours.

## Exam Board

AQA.

## Skills Required

Curiosity about the world around us and willing to ask and answer questions.  
Willingness to engage in class discussions  
Good written English.

## Entry Requirement

5 x Grade 5's at GCSE level, including English.



## Future opportunities

Philosophy is a good choice for ambitious students seeking careers with international organisations, the Civil Service, law firms and accountancy/consulting firms, and leading businesses especially in information technology and environmental sectors.

