



RELIGIOUS STUDIES (PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS)

Examination Board

- Edexcel

Year 1

- **Paper 1: Philosophy of Religion** (Philosophical issues and questions; The nature & influence of religious experience; Problems of evil & suffering)
- **Paper 2: Religion & Ethics** (Significant concepts in issues or debates in religion and ethics; A study of three ethical theories; Application of ethical theories to issues of importance)
- **Paper 3: Study of Hinduism** (Religious beliefs, values and teachings; Sources of wisdom and authority; Practices that shape and express religious identity)

Year 2

- No coursework: 100% examination in June

Three examinations:

- **Paper 1: Philosophy of Religion** (Philosophical language; Works of scholars; Influences of developments in religious belief)
- **Paper 2: Religion & Ethics** (Ethical language; Deontology, Virtue Ethics and the works of scholars; Medical ethics: beginning & end of life Issues)
- **Paper 3: study of Hinduism** (Social and historical developments; Works of scholars; Religion and society)

Useful websites / reading materials

- Philosophy and Ethics by Ina Taylor / Chris Eyre
- Hinduism by Ian Jamison
- Seneca (Religious Studies OCR A level class)
- Philosophy of Religion by Amanda Forshaw and Cressida Tweed
- www.rsrevision.com
- <http://iskconeducationalservices.org/HoH/>
- <https://philosophydungeon.weebly.com/philosophy-of-religion.html>

Recommended study

- Three hours per week (wider reading / reflecting on key theories studied in class, practicing essay questions)
- Keep up to date with developments in Ethics by watching the news / relevant documentaries