



WESTONBIRT
— SCHOOL —

PHILOSOPHY, ETHICS AND RELIGION A-LEVEL

Exam Board - EDUQAS

What can I expect from this subject?

How does society decide what is right and wrong? Are there moral absolutes – e.g. is murder always wrong? Or does it depend on the situation you are in what decision you should make? Does religion have any right to influence the laws in areas such as euthanasia, abortion or capital punishment? These are just some of the issues which we will study in this A-Level. You will need to be prepared to read around the topic areas studied in this qualification and to prepare for three exams at the end of the A-Level (there is no coursework). Engaging in critical thinking, essay writing and debating these issues are key parts of this course.

What can I do to prepare for this course?

A GCSE in Religious Studies is helpful, but not an absolute requirement. To prepare for the course, you can engage in current issues revolving around religion. For example, what impact is the structured secularisation which is occurring in France having on society as a whole? You can also read the book *Sophie's World* which is an excellent introduction to philosophy.

What will my next steps be?

This qualification is excellent for anyone wishing to study philosophy at undergraduate level and beyond. It also supports those wishing to move on and study other humanities subjects at university, and also subjects such as politics. The critical thinking skills which are integral to this course are valuable for all undergraduate study.