



A Level

Specification: AQA 7172

PHILOSOPHY

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What will I study?

A-level philosophy comprises four topic areas: Epistemology, Moral philosophy, the Metaphysics of God and the Metaphysics of mind.

Students are required to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the content, including through the use of philosophical analysis (conceptual analysis and argument analysis). They must also be able to analyse and evaluate the philosophical arguments within the subject content to form reasoned judgements.

How will I be assessed?

Assessments objectives (AOs) are set by Ofqual and are the same across all A level Philosophy specifications and all exam boards.

The exams will measure how students have achieved the following assessment objectives:

AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the core concepts and methods of philosophy, including through the use of philosophical analysis.

AO2: Analyse and evaluate philosophical arguments to form reasoned judgements .

How will I learn?

A combination of lecture style lessons, class discussion, student led presentations and collaborative document writing in Google Docs.

All resources are hosted in Google Classroom, and can be accessed at any time on most devices.

We organise annual trips to Philosophy conferences, or, invite seminal speakers to talk to students in school. We have good links to the team who produce the main textbook, and have the benefit of being able to invite the author in to school to lecture students.

What skills will I need?

- Mathematical attention to detail.
- Good communication skills (orally and in writing)
- The ability to break an argument down into premises, and then evaluate the strength of each claim/premise
- Self-motivation
- Independent learning and organisation problem solving
- Reviewing and modifying
- Critical analysis and logical thinking
- Risk taking and reflective thinking

Careers & Progression

This course is highly rated by admissions tutors at Higher Education institutions as it supports a wide range of academic disciplines. It encourages transferable skills that are highly valued in a variety of career routes.