



Edgbarrow School

YEAR 12: Philosophy, Ethics and Religion

KS5 Advanced



Curriculum Intent

In Year 12 students study the WJEC Eduqas Religious Studies course aimed at developing their critical thinking and communication skills. They examine core Islamic beliefs, teachings and practices from the perspective of both Sunni and Shi'a Islam and critically assess philosophical and ethical perspectives surrounding living a moral life and the nature of God. Students will explain, examine, compare and evaluate scholarly and religious views and continue to develop tolerance, respect for others, as well as a sense of belonging within a diverse British society in order for them to identify and develop their own beliefs. Students will start to develop academic study habits necessary for success at higher education.

Topic	Knowledge and Skills	Assessment	Homework
<u>Component 1:</u> A Study of Islam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The study of Islam, including the history of Islam & the life of the Prophet Muhammad. -Sacred texts and Islamic beliefs and practices. -The Islamic concepts of Shari'a and Jihad. 	For each topic across all components, students will have the opportunity to complete exam practice questions covering all assessment objectives using GCE past exam papers.	Students are expected to complete extended learning activities after every lesson.
<u>Component 2:</u> Philosophy of Religion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Inductive and deductive arguments for the existence of God. -Challenges to the existence of God, including the 'Problem of Evil', New Atheism and the 'Psychology of Religion'. 		Other homework is set at the discretion of the teacher in extension of classroom learning and takes the form of revision or exam practice.
<u>Component 3:</u> Religion and Ethics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Normative ethical theories, including; Divine Command Theory, Virtue Theory, Ethical Egoism and Utilitarianism. -An in-depth study of Natural Law as an ethical theory, including developments by Aquinas, Finnis and Hoose. 		

Year 12 Mock week 1: 15th – 19th January 2024

You need to revise the following:

- Islam; Prophet Muhammad & the Qur'an
- Philosophy; The ontological argument and challenges to it.
- Ethics; Ethical Thought; Divine Command Theory, Ethical Egoism & Virtue Theory

Year 12 Mock week 2: 24th – 28th June 2024

You need to revise the following:

- Islam; Festivals & the Five Pillars of Islam & the Five Ethical Categories of Action
- Philosophy; The problem of evil and theodicies in response to it.
- Ethics; Utilitarianism & Aquinas' Natural Law

For revision, you can use your class notes, the course textbook, any wider reading, as well as attempting any past exam papers found on the exam board website (Eduqas/WJEC). You can visit <https://philosophydungeon.weebly.com/> or <http://www.rsrevision.com/contents/index.htm>.