

# PHILOSOPHY

## AS & A Level

### This subject will suit you if:

- You enjoyed History, Religious Studies, English and/or Maths at school.
- You are interested in studying the nature of human understanding.
- You want to be challenged in terms of what you know and think.
- You like to challenge other peoples' opinions.



If you like this  
you may like. . . .

English, History,  
Religious Studies,  
Politics, Psychology.

### Additional Entry Requirements

In addition to College entry requirements, a B or above in GCSE English Language is essential to study Philosophy.



### What You'll Study

In the **first year** you will study four topics looking at:

- Whether we are born with knowledge or whether all knowledge comes from experience.
- Our knowledge of the world around us and whether we actually see the world as it is.
- The nature and ideas of God.
- The arguments for and against the existence of God.

In the **second year** of the course you will look in more depth at the issues raised at AS. You will look at two key areas:

- (1) **Philosophy of Religion**
- (2) **Moral Philosophy**

This will involve asking questions such as:

- Is it possible to believe in miracles?
- How should we make moral decisions?
- Are there moral truths?

You will also study the classic philosophical text Descartes' Meditations.



## Joseph Kidd

*“Having done Religious Studies at GCSE, I chose A Level Philosophy because I wanted to explore those “ultimate questions” outside of the religious perspective. The rigorous debate and stimulating intellectual challenge of the subject was fascinating, and although at times the work seemed impossibly hard, in reality overcoming those obstacles was one of the most rewarding moments of my College life. It’s a fantastic course so long as you put the work in!”*



## Ellis Hodgkiss

*“Philosophy stood out to me as being a subject which offered the chance to explore interesting ideas and debates about things I had often thought about myself such as how we experience the world and the existence of God.*

*I found all the topics covered in my A level course to be very interesting! The classes are always full of debates, where there is a lot of freedom to express your own opinions and thoughts on the idea or theory you are studying. Furthermore while the topics covered in the philosophy course aren’t always easy to grasp straight away, it is very rewarding once you realise you understand a very abstract concept!*



*When I leave OSFC I want to go to Leeds University to study Cultural Studies.”*

## Ideas for Progression

Philosophy combines well with many subjects at university and of course you can study Philosophy on its own.

A Level Philosophy is a useful subject if you’re considering a degree in English, History, Law, Politics or Psychology. In terms of careers, Philosophy is useful for a variety of careers from Law and the Civil Service to Teaching and Journalism.



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