

A Level



Philosophy, Ethics and Religion

NELSON & COLNE
COLLEGE

SIXTH FORM

A Level Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language.

Course description

Philosophy, Ethics and Religion (PEaR) explores philosophy of religion, religion and ethics and the religion of Islam. It takes students on a journey through the big spiritual, ethical, and philosophical questions that humans have asked since the dawn of time.

What is the meaning of life? Why does evil exist? Do we have a soul? Philosophy of religion will cover Christian scholarly views on the existence of God, religious experience and the language used by theologians. Religion and ethics will explore key topical debates in our society such as euthanasia and business ethics. Discussions will focus on whether morally good actions involve following societal rules or considering consequences.

The course will study the impact of religion on the world with particular focus on major world religions such as Buddhism. Lessons will look at religions in the East and West and the impact that religion has on popular culture. A large topic will be the way that religion is portrayed

in western media and debates will surround the positive and negative connotations of this.

Classes incorporate a lot of discussion, so you should be ready to share your views and opinions while respecting the diversity of others, and have an open mind to different beliefs. There is also a significant reading and writing component, as both religious and philosophical texts are examined and analysed.

What next?

Former students have progressed on to some of the UK's top universities, including the University of Oxford, the University of Nottingham, the University of Leeds and the University of South Wales. They have gone on to study a wide range of subjects such as Philosophy, English Literature, Sociology, Law, Anthropology and Politics, to name a few. Career opportunities from studying PEaR are varied and previous students have gone on to successful careers in teaching, social work, politics, journalism and research.

