

*Department Title: Philosophy*

*Exam Boards: AQA*

*Department Vision: to prepare students effectively for the Philosophy A level examination in order to achieve the best grade possible for the student and open up the greatest choice of university or post 18 study. We do this by teaching rich content with lots of opportunities for discussion and thinking alongside regular and rigorous assessment. In addition to A level success we aspire to challenge the thinking of students on the course and give them the tools to think more critically and analytically. Above all else we aim to help students think better and more clearly.*

*Year 12: Term 1 and 2*

*Introductory Course—studying 12 great philosophers*

*Basic epistemology*

*Basic moral thinking*

*Year 12: Term 2 and 3*

*Basic metaphysics of God*

*Basic metaphysics of mind*

*Year 13: Term 1*

*Advanced epistemology*

*Advanced moral thinking*

*Year 13: Term 2*

*Advanced Metaphysics of God*

*Advanced Metaphysics of Mind*

*Year 13: Term 3*

*Revision and examinations*

*Assessment:*

*There is an initial introductory course assessment requiring a pass mark of 60%. There is mid unit assessment and final assessment then within each course element with 50% pass mark. Student failing assessment will be required to attend after school classes and other interventions.*

*Reading list/Useful websites:*

<https://philosophyalevel.com/aqa-philosophy-revision-notes/>

<http://www.alevelphilosophy.co.uk/>

<https://routledge textbooks.com/textbooks/9781138690394/additional-resources.php>

*Related Careers:*

*Philosophy develops deep thinking and analytical thinking which is valuable in many areas of employment including business and management. It is valuable for any career which requires clear and strategic thinking. It is often taken at university as part of a joint honours programs such as: philosophy and politics; or philosophy and mathematics; or philosophy and science; or philosophy and English etc.....*