

Philosophy & Religion

A level	Course Content	Assessment
Year 1 (Awaiting QCA approval)	<p>Religion – what do Muslims believe and think about religion, death, the challenge from science, the Qur’an and God?</p> <p>Philosophy – Arguments for the existence of God, the problem of evil and suffering, and religious experience? How religious language works and are there such things as miracles? What are the concepts of Self and life after death? What is the nature and function of religion?</p>	<p>100% of AS level 1 written exam</p> <p>50% of A2 level</p>
Year 2 (Awaiting QCA approval)	<p>Religion - What Muslims believe and think about; key moral principles, religious identity, religion and sexual identity, religious pluralism.</p> <p>Ethics - Issues of human life and death, Issues of animal life and death, Introduction to meta ethics, Free will and moral responsibility, Conscience, the ethics of Bentham and Kant.</p> <p>The dialogue between philosophy, ethical studies and religion -How religion is influenced by, and influences, ethical studies and philosophy in relation to the issues studied.</p>	<p>50% of A Level 1 written exam</p>

Where are they now?

Maria O’Connor

Studied Philosophy & Religion, English Literature & Language and Politics at A2 level.

Went on the department trip to Rome and Vatican City and a keen competitor in the debating club.

Maria took a gap year working in fashion retail as a young buyer for Topshop.

Studied a degree in Theology at King's College London. Took the second year of degree abroad at the University of North Carolina USA lectured by Bart Ehrman (Early Christianity scholar) and Omid Safi (Islamic civilisation scholar and has done a TedTalk). Spent the summer studying and teaching at a Korean University in Seoul, including spending a weekend at a Buddhist monastery. Then offered a scholarship; fully funded PhD in Theology and Religious Studies at King's College London working on translating (from medieval Latin) and understanding some newly re-discovered texts by 13th

Century German mystic Meister Eckhart. This research has taken Maria all over the world and not to mention brought her face to face with academic giants. She is also spending a week in Istanbul on a tour of historic sites with Dr. Omid Safi on a scholarship.

Where are they now?

Hannah Brown

Studied Philosophy & Religion, Theatre Studies and Performing Arts at A2 level.

When at college Hannah explored Rome with the P&R dept.

Studied performance at the acting school AADA in New York.

Now works as the Director of Youth Ministries at The Salvation Army, Times Square Corp, New York.

Learning outside the classroom

Study hall is a weekly lunchtime where all staff are available for drop in or you can just come along to do some work in a study environment.

Tutorials are available on request with all staff throughout the year. Some students have regular weekly/monthly slots while others only come once a term.

Extra lunchtime classes run throughout the year focussing on improving essay writing or revising a topic.

Every year we run an A2 study buddy system to get help and advice from students who have been there.

P&R society is a student led dept. society which runs a magazine, debates, film club, book clubs, charity events and much more.

The department Facebook site is subscribed by current and past students and is one of our best resources as we have over 500 members most of whom have done relevant degrees and occupations available for advice and interesting online debates!!

Every year the department goes on an international trip and two philosophy & religion conferences.

The department runs a modest Latin speaking, reading and writing club and a termly Henna event which is always oversubscribed.

We have a virtual learning environment for online, independent study.

We also work closely with the Study support department to ensure all students get access to the best support.

Students from the department regularly enter and have won essay competitions in the past.

Moving Up from GCSE

No experience necessary but you should have a passion for beliefs, ideas and cultures.