



# Year 12 Philosophy and Ethics



What have students at St Crispin's been taught to understand and be able to do?

## Core Knowledge

**Learning about religion in the following units and topics:**

### Philosophy of Religion

- The philosophical views of Plato and Aristotle.
- The philosophical language of soul, mind and body in the thinking of Plato and Aristotle as well as the metaphysics of consciousness, including substance dualism and materialism.
- The teleological, cosmological and ontological arguments for the existence of God as well as challenges to these arguments.
- The nature and influence of religious experience and different ways in which individual religious experiences can be understood.
- The problem of evil and suffering - understanding different theodicies that propose some justification or reason for divine action or inaction in the face of evil.

### Religion and Ethics

- Normative ethics including an understanding of Aquinas' natural law, Fletcher's Situation Ethics, Kantian ethics, Euthanasia, Business Ethics, and Aquinas and Freud's approaches to conscience.

### Developments in Christian Thought

- The person of Jesus Christ.
- The diversity of Christian moral reasoning and practices and sources of ethics.
- The teaching and example of Dietrich Bonhoeffer on Christian moral action.
- Knowledge of God's existence.
- Augustine's theories of death and the afterlife.

## Core Skills

- To undertake rigorous study of religion and belief and relate it to the wider world.
- To have an understanding and appreciation of religious thought and its contribution to individuals, communities and societies.
- An enquiring, critical and reflective approach to the study of religion.
- Reflection of own values, opinions and attitudes in the light of their study. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of religion and belief,.
- Analyse and evaluate aspects of, and approaches to, religion and belief, including their significance, influence and study.



## Year 12 Philosophy and Ethics continued



### How has learning been assessed?

- Regular retrieval quizzes and activities
- Essays plans
- Essays completed in exam conditions

Mock exams in January and summer of Year 12.

### What is coming up in the following year?

In Year 13, students will learn Religious Language and the Nature of God in Philosophy, Death and the Afterlife, Gender and Theology, Gender and Society, Pluralism and Secularism in Developments in Christian Thought and theories and conscience and Sexual Ethics in Ethics.