

Year 12 Scheme of Work – AS Content

Philosophy · Islam · Ethics | In school September to July

Component	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer
Philosophy	Arguments for the existence of God – inductive Cosmological and teleological arguments; challenges to them	Arguments for the existence of God – deductive The ontological argument, its developments and challenges	Challenges to religious belief: evil and suffering The problem of evil; Augustinian and Irenaean theodicies	Religious experience Nature of religious experience; mystical experience; challenges to its authenticity	<i>Revision and end-of-year assessments</i>
Islam	Religious figures and sacred texts Muhammad in Makkah and Madinah; the Qur'an as a source of wisdom and authority	Religious concepts Allah, tawhid and shahadah; prophets and messengers; angels and akhirah	Religious life Salah and the Ummah; Zakah and Hajj; the five categories of action	Practices that shape religious identity The masjid; festivals – Ashura, Ramadan and Id-ul-Fitr	<i>Revision and end-of-year assessments</i>
Ethics	Ethical thought Divine command theory; virtue theory; ethical egoism	Aquinas' Natural Law Laws and precepts; virtues and goods; application of the theory	Situation Ethics Fletcher and agape; the principles; application of the theory	Utilitarianism Bentham's Act Utilitarianism; Mill; Act and Rule application	<i>Revision and end-of-year assessments</i>

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Year 13 Scheme of Work – A2 Content

Philosophy · Islam · Ethics | In school September to May

Component	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer
Philosophy	Religious belief as a product of the human mind Freud; Jung; issues relating to atheism	Religious experience Influence on practice and faith; definitions of miracles; Hume and Swinburne	Religious language (1) Inherent problems; cognitive but meaningless; non-cognitive and analogical	Religious language (2) Non-cognitive: symbolic and mythical; language games	<i>Revision and final exam preparation</i>
Islam	Religious figures and sacred texts Sources of shari'a; role of shari'a; Muslim understandings of jihad	Social and historical developments (1) Islamic state and secularisation; science and the origins of the universe; pluralism	Social and historical developments (2) Family life; Islam and migration in Britain; Western perceptions of Islam	Religious practices that shape identity Diversity within Islam; Islam and change; crime and punishment	<i>Revision and final exam preparation</i>
Ethics	Ethical thought: meta-ethics Naturalism; intuitionism; emotivism	Deontological ethics Finnis' Natural Law; Hoose and Proportionalism; application of the theories	Determinism and free will – determinism Religious predestination; concepts of determinism; implications	Determinism and free will – free will Religious concepts of free will; libertarianism; implications	<i>Revision and final exam preparation</i>

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