



The Grey Coat Hospital

Key Stage Five Curriculum Plan - *Subject: Religion, Philosophy and Ethics (Edexcel RS GCE)*

Year 12

Half Term (HT)	Topic Area / Focus
HT1	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION: Types of philosophical argument; teleological arguments for God RELIGIOUS ETHICS: Types of normative ethical theory; utilitarianism inc. modern developments NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES: the world of the first century – social and political influences on Jesus' life and work
HT2	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION: Cosmological arguments for God; the problem of evil and suffering RELIGIOUS ETHICS: situation ethics and natural moral law NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES: Johannine literature – the Johannine Prologue
HT3	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION: Theodicies – Augustinian, Irenaean and Process RELIGIOUS ETHICS: views about equality, especially to do with race, gender and disability NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES: title of Jesus in the NT (Son of God, Messiah, Son of Man); messianic prophecy and hopes
HT4	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION: Ontological arguments for God RELIGIOUS ETHICS: sexual ethics NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES: Johannine literature – the signs and the I Am sayings
HT5	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION: The nature of religious experiences RELIGIOUS ETHICS: environmental ethics NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES: interpreting the text – 3 schools of biblical criticism (form, redaction and source, including the synoptic problem)
HT6	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION: the argument for God's existence from religious experience RELIGIOUS ETHICS: war and peace including types of pacifism, just war traditions and Christian realism NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES: Johannine literature – the purpose and authorship of the Fourth Gospel



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HT1	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION: religious language – analogy, symbol, verification & falsification, language games RELIGIOUS ETHICS: the relationship between religion and morality NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES: Luke's theology in the crucifixion and resurrection narratives
HT2	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION: critiques of religious belief; an analysis of the Copleston-Russell radio debate RELIGIOUS ETHICS: issues in medical ethics especially at the start and end of life NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES: ways of interpreting scripture – four approaches and the work of Barth and Bultmann; the kingdom in the Lucan parables
HT3	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION: beliefs about life after death and the implications of discussions about identity criteria and the mind-body problem RELIGIOUS ETHICS: meta-ethics – the existence of moral truth, the purpose of ethical statements and the meaning of 'good' NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES: theories about why Jesus died (both historical and theological); an analysis of Jesus' ethical teachings in Luke
HT4	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION: debates about the relationship between science and religion RELIGIOUS ETHICS: a study and comparison of deontology (Kant) and virtue ethics (Aristotle) NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES: scientific and historical challenges to belief in Jesus' resurrection (Ian Wilson and Frank Morison) Exam revision & preparation
HT5	No further lessons take place
HT6	No further lessons take place



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