**ADVANCED GCE Religion, Philosophy & Ethics**

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| **EXAMINING BOARD: EDUQAS** |

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| **Minimum Entry Requirements:** GCSE RE Grade 9- 4 (full course) or 9-4 English Language |

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| **KEY FEATURES OF THE COURSE:**  **Are you interested in people, how they behave and what motivates them?**  On the course you will:   * Consider a range of ethical and religious issues facing individuals and communities today. * Develop enquiring, critical and evaluative skills. * Reflect on and develop your own values, opinions and attitudes in the light of your learning. * It can be successfully combined with a wide range of other subjects; it is highly regarded by universities and helps develop skills required for a range of careers including: law, education, social work, medicine, nursing, politics, administration and the media. |

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| **CONTENT COVERED IN YEAR 12**  **Module 1 - Buddhism:**   * The Life of the Buddha; * Buddhist ideas such as the afterlife; * Buddhist moral principles e.g. the eight-fold path and 5 precepts; * Religious practices and religious identity.   **Module 2 – Philosophy of Religion:**   * Arguments for the existence of God; and challenges to these arguments; * Challenges to religious belief; problem of evil; psychology of religion; * Religious experience; miracles and challenges to the existence of miracles; * Religious language; how we can speak about religion and how effective it can be.   **Module 3 – Religion & Ethics:**   * Ethical language and thought; moral absolutism and relativism; * Deontological ethics; Natural Law; Kantian Ethics and applying these to different issues; * Teleological ethics; Situation Ethics and Utilitarianism and applying these to different issues; * Freewill and determinism; whether we have true free will or have a predestination. |

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| **CONTENT COVERED IN YEAR 13**  **Module 1 – Buddhism**   * Key Buddhist teachings and modern writers * Different branches of Buddhism and if Buddhism is an atheist faith * Women in Buddhism * Practices; mandalas, mindfulness and Peace Movements   **Module 2 – Philosophy**   * Religion as a product of the mind * Miracle * Religious language   **Module 3 – Ethics**   * Meta-ethics * Modern interpretations of Natural Law * Freewill and determinism |

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| **TYPE OF ASSESSMENT IN YEAR 13**  Paper 1 – Buddhism 2 hour written exam 33.3%  Paper 2 - Philosophy 2 hour written exam 33.3%  Paper 3 - Ethics 2 hour written exam 33.3% |