**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% |