



RGS Theology & Philosophy Department 2017-2018 Course Summaries

Timing	1 st Year	2 nd Year	3 rd Year	4 th Year	5 th Year	AS Philosophy	AS Ethics	A2 Philosophy	A2 Ethics
Autumn Term 1st half	The Bible: The Big Story Creation: How it all began Sin: The big problem Law: Living as God's people	Introduction to Philosophy: Judaism and Islam Understanding key Jewish and Islamic beliefs To differences cause conflict?	Philosophy and Ethics: Introduction to Philosophical thinking	Peace and Conflict Sanctity of life History of war Just War Jihad Pacifism	Living as a Christian The church Worship Sacraments Festivals	Origins of Philosophy: Plato Aristotle Biblical Ideas of God	Ethical Theories: Natural Law	Religious Language	Meta-ethics Conscience
Autumn Term 2nd half	Forgiveness: The heart of the story Prophets: Speaking up for justice Messiah: A new hope	Introduction to Ethics: Conflict Understanding the Israeli/Palestinian conflict Holocaust The modern state of Israel			Life and death The soul Judgement The Afterlife	Philosophical Developments: Soul, Mind and Body Developments: Augustine	Situation Ethics Kantian Ethics	Nature of God Religious Experience	Gender and Theology Gender and Society
Spring Term 1st half	Messiah: Enter Jesus	What is 'God'?- Christianity/ Hinduism	Belief about God The Bible Attributes of God Trinity Jesus	Marriage and the Family Attitudes to: Gender Sexual relationships Homosexuality Marriage Divorce	Mock exams Matters of life and death Sanctity of life Abortion Fertility treatment Euthanasia Genetic engineering	Arguments against the existence of God: Problem of Evil Death and the afterlife	Utilitarianism Ethical Issues: Applied Medical Ethics	Religious pluralism and society	Liberation Theology and Marx
Spring Term 2nd half		What is 'time'?- Buddhism	Beliefs about Allah The Qur'an Allah Muhammad Prophets			Knowledge of the existence of God: Ontological Cosmological Teleological	Business Ethics Developments: Jesus	Secularism Revision	Sexual Ethics Revision
Summer Term 1st half		Who am 'I'?- Sikhism		Living as a Muslim The Mosque, Qur'an ,Five Pillars, Festivals	Revision	Problem of Evil	Christian Moral Principles Christian Moral Action	Revision & Exams	Revision & Exams
Summer Term 2nd half	Exams The impact of the Big Story	Exams Tolerance	Exams Non-religious beliefs	Exams Current affairs	Exams	Exams Intro to A2	Exams Intro to A2		