



Course title	Philosophy
Awarding body and Syllabus Number	AQA 2170
Content	<p>This specification has been designed to enable students to gain a thorough grounding in key philosophical concepts, themes and techniques. Students will develop a range of transferable skills which can be applied far beyond the study of Philosophy itself.</p> <p>At AS, the specification concentrates on a number of key philosophical themes, such as knowledge and ethics. At A2 students select two themes to study in depth and focus on philosophical problems through the study of a classic text.</p> <p>Philosophy complements many other disciplines and can be studied on its own at university or in conjunction with a range of subjects, such as mathematics, politics, psychology, literature, history or modern languages.</p> <p>AS Unit 1: An Introduction to Philosophy 1 (PHIL1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why Should I be Moral? • Reason and Experience (introduction to theory of knowledge). <p>Unit 2: An Introduction to Philosophy 2 (PHIL2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tolerance • Knowledge of the External World <p>A2 Unit 3: Key Themes in Philosophy (PHIL3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moral Philosophy; Political Philosophy <p>Unit 4: Philosophical Problems – Set Texts (PHIL4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plato’s Republic
Assessment	<p>AS For each unit, there will be a written paper of 1 hour 30 minutes. Candidates will answer questions on two of the topics, and each question will consist of two parts worth 15 and 30 marks.</p> <p>A2 Unit 3: A written paper of 2 hours. Candidates will answer two 50 mark questions on two of the themes.</p> <p>Unit 4: A written paper of 1 hour 30 minutes. Candidates will answer one compulsory 15 mark question and one 45 mark essay on one of the texts.</p>