

Religious Studies A Level

Religion, Philosophy & Ethics

Exam Board: **Edexcel**

3 Examinations (33% per exam)

No Coursework



Exam 1: Philosophy

- > Why is there evil in the world?
- > Can we trust religious experiences?
- > What do we mean by language?
- > Does science have the answers?



Exam 2: Ethics

- > How can we decide what is right and wrong?
- > Do our ethics depend on the situation?
- > What is a 'just war'?
- > What are medical ethics?
- > Are we all equal?



Exam 3: Christianity

- > Does religion discriminate?
- > Why is secularisation on the rise?
- > What are key moral principles?
- > How is identity expressed creatively?



ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

	Exam Assessment Objectives	%
AO1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of religion and belief including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> religious, philosophical and/or ethical thought and teaching influence of beliefs, teachings and practices on individuals, communities and societies cause and significance of similarities and differences in belief, teaching and practice approaches to the study of religion and belief 	40%
AO2	Analyse and evaluate aspects of, and approaches to, religion and belief, including their significance and influence and study	60%

KEY TOPICS WITHIN COURSE

Philosophy

- Arguments for the existence of God
- Religious experiences
- Problem of evil
- Religious language
- Science & scholars
- Life after Death & Miracles

Ethics

- Environment & equality
- Ethical theories
- War and Sexual ethics
- Meta ethics & morality
- Deontology & virtue ethics
- Medical ethics

Christianity

- God, the Trinity & the Church: Moral Principles
- Views on the Bible & Church
- Eucharist & creative expression
- Science & secularisation
- Atonement theory
- Pluralism, diversity & gender equality



STRUCTURE OF COURSE

Half Terms	Mrs Bisset	Ms Barnes
Y12 HT1 Assessment week 1	Philosophy 1: Design, Causation & Ontological Argument	Christianity 1: God, Trinity, Church & Moral Principles
Y12 HT2	Philosophy 2: Religious Experiences	Ethics 1: Environment & Equality
Christmas Revision	January Assessment Week Revision	
Y12 HT3 Assessment week 2	Philosophy 3: Problem of Evil	Christianity 2: Bible & Jesus
Y12 HT4 Assessment week 3	Philosophy 4: Religious Language	Christianity 3: Eucharist & Creative Expressions
Easter Revision	Mock exam revision	
Y12 HT5	Philosophy 5: Science & Scholars	Christianity 4: Science, Secularisation & Movements
Y12 HT6 Mock exams	Philosophy 6: Life after Death, Miracles	Ethics 4: Meta Ethics & Morality
Summer Revision	Revising Y12 content & summer work	
Y13 HT1 Assessment week 1	Ethics 2: Utilitarianism, Situation Ethics & Natural Moral Law	Ethics 6: Medical Ethics
Y13 HT2	Ethics 3: War & Sexual Ethics	Christianity 5: Atonement theory
Christmas Revision	Mock exam revision	
Y13 HT3	Ethics 5: Kant & Aristotle	Christianity 6: Pluralism, diversity & Equality
Y13 HT4 Mocks	Anthology Revision	Anthology Revision
Exam Revision Continues		



PREPARING FOR A LEVEL

Advice on how to prepare for the transition to A Level, interesting reading/podcasts etc

One of the biggest challenges with this A level is the philosophical and theological language we use to discuss ideas you will certainly have an opinion on. To help you prepare by getting used to challenging language and starting to form your own philosophical, ethical and theological views would be to listen to and/or watch these links – you may decide to make notes or discuss with a friend your view on the matter...

Youtube: Crash Course Philosophy series

- [What Is God Like?: Crash Course Philosophy #12 - YouTube](#)
- [Utilitarianism: Crash Course Philosophy #36 - YouTube](#)
- [Intelligent Design: Crash Course Philosophy #11 - YouTube](#)

Podcast – Does God Exist?

- [Episode 102, The Richard Swinburne Interview \(Part I - Is there a God?\) \(thepanpsycast.com\)](#)

Podcast – Is evil proof there cannot be a God?

- [Episode 10, the Problem of Evil \(Part III\) \(thepanpsycast.com\)](#)

Podcast – Is euthanasia morally 'ok'?

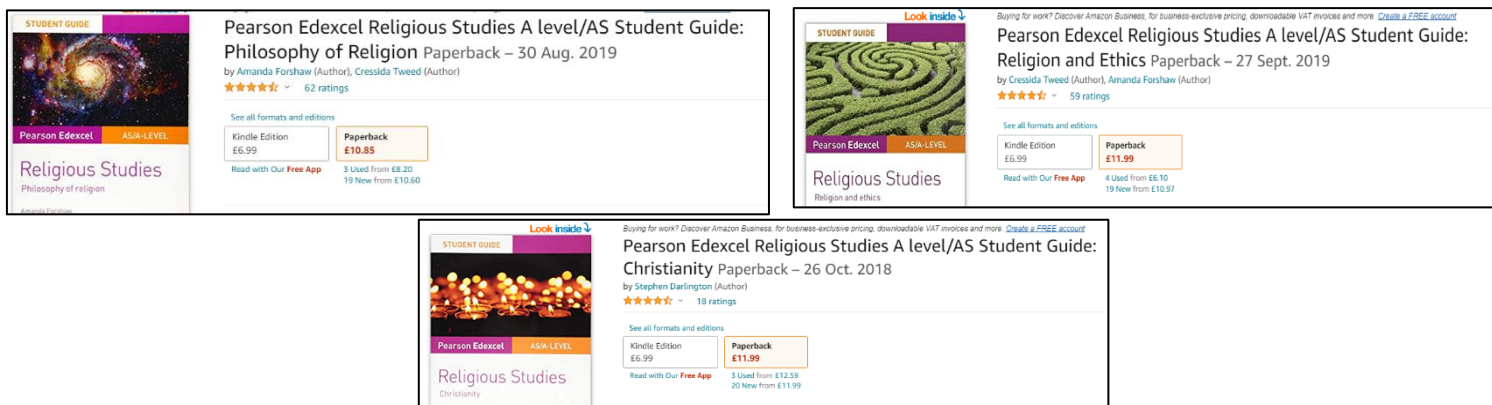
- [Episode 14, Euthanasia \(Part I\) \(thepanpsycast.com\)](#)



What equipment you will need

- Pen and three coloured highlighters are required
- One ring bound folder
- Three different coloured books will be provided

Student Guides – these are textbook overviews, they are helpful but don't include all extended scholars or synoptic links so information in them will be supplement with class work and knowledge organisers. Please let your teacher know if you do not have the funds to buy one and we can lend you one for the duration of the course.



The image shows three Amazon product listings for Pearson Edexcel Religious Studies A level/AS Student Guides. Each listing includes a cover image, title, author, publication date, ratings, and pricing for Kindle and Paperback editions.

Book Title	Author	Publication Date	Kindle Edition Price	Paperback Price
Philosophy of Religion	by Amanda Forshaw (Author), Cressida Tweed (Author)	30 Aug. 2019	£6.99	£10.85
Religion and Ethics	by Cressida Tweed (Author), Amanda Forshaw (Author)	27 Sept. 2019	£6.99	£11.99
Christianity	by Stephen Darlington (Author)	26 Oct. 2018	£6.99	£11.99

How to organise your files

- You will have one book for each exam to complete classwork in and stick in sheets.
- You will require a folder with three dividers for booklet work, readings and assessments to be filed away for each exam
- Book and folder checks will take place each half term

