Religious Studies

KING EDWARD VI
SCHOOL LICHFIELD

Key Stage 5 – A Level - OCR

Philosophy of Religion	Religion and Ethics	Development in Christian Thought

• Ancient philosophical influences
• The nature of the soul, mind and body
• Arguments about the existence or non-existence of God
• The nature and impact of religious experience
• The challenge for religious belief of the problem of evil
• Ideas about the nature of God
• Issues in religious language
	• Normative ethical theories
	  ○ Natural law
	  ○ Situation ethics
	  ○ Utilitarianism
	  ○ Kantian ethics
	• The application of ethical theory to three contemporary issues of importance
	  ○ Euthanasia
	  ○ Business Ethics
	  ○ Sexual Ethics
	• Ethical language and thought
	• Debates surrounding the significant idea of conscience
		• St Augustine and human nature
		• The belief of life after death
		• Knowledge of God
		• The person - Jesus Christ
		• Christian moral principles
		• Christian moral action - Bonhoeffer
		• Pluralism in a modern world
		• Gender in the modern world
		• The challenge of secularism
		• Liberation theology and Marxism