



# Philosophy and Ethics

At President Kennedy School we deliver an incredibly popular and highly successful course that challenges and develops students to prepare them for the moral and ethical challenges of the modern world.

Delivered by experienced teachers and Philosophy graduates students are given an outstanding learning experience.

Students who choose philosophy and ethics have the unique opportunity to explore a variety of philosophical viewpoints and explore the impact they have had, and continue to have on the world. An excellent, and highly regarded choice for any student who is looking to apply for Law, Medicine, Psychology or Criminology.

## Entry Requirements

To take A Level Philosophy and Ethics you need:

A grade 5 in English, a GCSE grade 5 in RE is preferable but not always necessary.

## Topics covered

	Year 12 AS topics Philosophy of Religion	Year 12 AS topics Religion and Ethics	Year 13 A2 topics Development in religious thought (Christian)
	Ancient Philosophical influences	Normative ethical theories	Religious beliefs, values and teachings, their interconnections and how they vary historically
	The nature of the mind, body and soul	The application of ethical theories to two contemporary issues of importance	Sources of religious wisdom and authority
	Arguments about the existence/ non-existence of God	Ethical Language and thought	Practices which shape and express religious identity
	The nature and impact of religious experience	Debates around the significant idea of conscience	Significant social and historical developments in theology and religious thought
	The Problem of Evil	Sexual ethics and the influence on ethical thought of developments in religious beliefs	Key themes related to religion and society
	The Nature of God		
	Issues with religious language		

## Skills you will develop on the course

Throughout this course you will have the opportunity to develop the following skills:

- Confidence in debating and evaluating controversial ethical issues like feminism and euthanasia
- Gaining an understanding of the ethical implications across medicine, politics, identity and many more.
- Critiquing of original philosophical texts

## Assessment

There are three external exams sat in May/June at the end of year 13

The external exams are:

- Paper 1: Philosophy of Religion (33%)
- Paper 2: Religion and Ethics (33%)
- Paper 3: The Development of Christian thought (33%)

## Educational trips, visits and wider experiences

We commit to organising visits both in and outside of President Kennedy School. We have close links with the Charity Echo Eternal and have the privilege of regular visits from a Holocaust survivor Peter Lantos. His ethics as a survivor are a testament to what the human spirit can endure. Post 16 students are given the unique opportunity to discuss his journey to forgiveness and his unique views on evil and suffering.

This year, we are also offering students the opportunity to attend a joint trip to Italy with Geography. A real chance to experience and explore Christian culture and heritage and discuss Christian ethics with experts. It is a trip that will develop and enhance any student's UCAS form and directly support our curriculum.

## What type of students will do well on this course?

To do well on this course you need to be passionate about Ethics, debate and interested in exploring the questions not finding the answer. They will need to be curious, dedicated and feel confident to seek support if necessary.

## For more information contact:

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## Post-School Progression Opportunities

University	Entry requirements	Other similar courses offered
<b>University of Birmingham</b> LLB Law	A*AA (BTECs accepted) Philosophy and Ethics is one of the preferred A levels	LLB Law with Criminology LLB Law with Business LLB Law with International law and globalisation
<b>Coventry University</b> International Relations BA Hons	BBC Philosophy and Ethics is one of the preferred A levels	Politics (BA Hons)History (BA Hons)
<b>Oxford University</b> Philosophy and Theology BA	AAA Philosophy and Ethics is one of the preferred A levels	Classics and Philosophy (BA) Computer science and Philosophy (BA) Physics and Philosophy (BSC)
<b>University of Manchester</b> International Disaster Management & Humanitarian Response BSc	LAWAAB to ABB	Business and management (BA) Geography (BA)
<b>Goldsmiths University of London</b> Journalism	ABB or BTEC DDM	Media and Communication (BA Hons) History and Journalism (BA Hons)

## Career Opportunities

### Conflict Resolution Officer at the UN

#### What would I do?

- Support strategic and operational planning by advising the ASG and the Chief of Office on matters relating to the effective direction of office operations, assisting with the preparation, implementation and monitoring of the office work plan and actively contributing to the development of solutions to operational issues that may arise.
- Monitor implementation of the compact between the Secretary-General and the ASG, and advise on any necessary action to meet targets.
- Coordinate and collate input to management and inter-governmental bodies especially on budgetary as well as administrative matters.
- Provide needed operational support and guidance to the Office's regional branches on administrative matters.
- Support the Chief of Office, including with coordination and information management, by acting as focal point for administrative activities related to human resources and budgetary matters, implement special projects (e.g. team retreats) under the Office's work programme and prepare related materials for the Chief of Office.

**Salary: Starting:** 45,000  
**UK average:** £40,000 to £150,000  
**Routes in:** Bachelor's degree in International relations or politics

### Bio Ethics researcher

#### What would I do?

- Bioethics researchers use their advanced understanding of biology, medicine, and ethics to create rigorous evidence as they develop their own research at universities and hospitals.
- A bioethics researcher utilizes bioethics principles and may participate in biological research or advise others in the field of biological and medical research on the ethical nature of their ongoing inquiries and discoveries.
- Bioethics research professionals pave the way for new discoveries while abiding by human rights laws, ethical regulations, government regulatory standards, and other standards and rules that are applicable in this industry.
- Those with experience researching in healthcare ethics handle confidential information while working to enhance health systems through their important work.

**Salary: Starting:** £25,000  
**UK average:** £40,000  
**Routes in:** Bachelors degree in Ethics and Biology

### Human Rights Lawyer

#### What would I do?

Given the range of areas that are affected by human rights, the day-to-day responsibilities of a human rights lawyer could vary greatly. Here are some of the tasks that you might take on:

- Advocating on behalf of victims of human rights violations
- Advising clients and making sure they are aware of their rights
- Talking to clients and witnesses to gather statements
- Writing legal documents for each case
- Researching previous cases
- Negotiating with lawyers representing other parties
- Ensuring that any agreements reached are implemented.

There are many projects around the world that greatly value the help of human rights lawyers. For example, Article 19 (who take their name from the 19th article of the UDHR) helps people exercise their rights to freedom of opinion and expression. The Right to Education Initiative envisions a future where access to education is available world-wide.

Interested in women's rights? The UN Women site lists plenty of opportunities to get involved. Amnesty International also runs many human rights campaigns across the globe.

**Salary: Starting:** £31,000  
**UK average:** £65,000 - £125,000  
**Routes in:** LLB Law with International law and globalisation, LLB LAW AAB