

Philosophy & Ethics

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Why study this subject at Hayesfield?

Philosophy and Ethics gives you the opportunity to develop your analytical, evaluation and discussion skills. Through leading seminars you will work with other students to facilitate debates.

Philosophy is a subject which gives you the opportunity to ask the interesting questions, develop debating skills and reflect on challenging social and human issues.

Hayesfield Philosophy & Ethics students have the unique opportunity to take part in a Revision Retreat.

Course content

Philosophy: An introduction to ancient and modern philosophers and debate the existence of God, the likelihood of life after death, the evidence for religious experience and the challenge of the problem of evil. Understanding the philosophical debate surrounding the nature of God. For example, if God is omniscient, can we have free will?

Ethics: An exploration of a variety of ethical theories and their application to the issues surrounding contemporary topics such as euthanasia and business ethics. An exploration of a variety of ethical theories. Debating the usefulness of ethical language and exploring whether words like 'good, bad, right and wrong' hold any meaning.

Buddhism: Developing an understanding of who the Buddha was and how Buddhism developed. Looking at the teachings of the Buddha, from the four noble truths to meditation and concepts such as rebirth and samsara. Understanding the diverse branches of Buddhism.

Assessment

Three 2 hour examinations in Year 13.

Come and join a welcoming subject where you can debate wonderfully interesting issues!

Entry requirements and subject specific skills

Five Grade 5s including English Literature or English Language and Maths.

This subject works well with

Any subject. You will learn lots of useful essay writing skills and the ethical theories can be applied to any Science based subjects.

Extra/Super curricular activities

Peace Conference.

Future Pathways

So many!

Examples include Medicine, Business, Politics, Non-Profit organisations, Counselling, Social Work and Education.

Recent exam success

93% A*-C.

71% A*-B (compared to 55% A*-B Nationally).