



A Level Philosophy

What will I study?

Philosophy is the study of fundamental questions about existence, knowledge, values, reason, and the mind. On this course, you'll explore key philosophical themes such as ethics, epistemology, metaphysics, and the philosophy of religion. You'll examine the ideas of influential thinkers, analyse arguments, and develop your own reasoned viewpoints. Topics include moral theories, the nature of reality, free will, and the existence of God. You'll gain skills in critical thinking, logical analysis, and structured debate — essential for careers in law, politics, education and beyond.

How will I be assessed?

A Level Philosophy is assessed by written examinations at the end of the two-year course. There are typically two papers covering core philosophical themes and key texts. You'll be tested on your ability to analyse philosophical arguments, evaluate different viewpoints, and construct coherent responses. The exam board for this course is AQA.

What are the entry requirements?

You must have five GCSEs at grade 5 or above (including English Language at grade 5 and Maths at grade 4) to meet the general Sixth Form entry requirements at MK College, as well as GCSE Maths at grade 4 or above and GCSE English Language at grade 5 or above to study A Level Philosophy.

Where will this course lead?

A Level Philosophy provides a strong foundation for university degrees in Philosophy, Politics, Theology, and related subjects. It's also valuable preparation for careers in law, education, journalism, public services, and any role requiring analytical thinking and communication skills.

What combines well with this subject?

Philosophy complements a wide range of subjects, especially those that involve analysis, debate and understanding human thought. Consider pairing it with: Politics, History, Religious Studies, Psychology, and English Literature.