

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

THEOLOGY, PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS

Rochdale
sixth form
college

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DO I HAVE TO HAVE A GCSE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES?

You do not have to have studied RS at GCSE level to progress onto A level, however, this and a general understanding of Christian principles would be beneficial.

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WHAT EXAM BOARD DO YOU STUDY?

OCR. The course code is H573.

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HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED IN TPE?

This is an essay-based subject that does not involve a coursework module. There are three exams, 2 hours in duration where you will be expected to answer 3 essay questions.

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WHAT IS A TYPICAL LESSON LIKE IN TPE?

For each topic that we study, you will be given a comprehensive set of notes which really simplifies the content required for your essay writing. Lessons are based around discussion of these notes and are vibrant and engaging. Students share their thoughts and ideas from many perspectives such as theist, atheist and agnostic. Multimedia resources are also used to facilitate discussion and encourage deeper understanding of the topics.

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