

# Year 12 – Development of Christian Thought

## Autumn term

**Augustine's Teaching on Human Nature:** Learners should have the opportunity to discuss issues related to Augustine's ideas on human nature, including:

- whether or not Augustine's teaching on a historical Fall and Original Sin is wrong
- whether or not Augustine is right that sin means that humans can never be morally good
- whether or not Augustine's view of human nature is pessimistic or optimistic
- whether or not there is a distinctive human nature

**Death and the Afterlife:** Learners should have the opportunity to discuss issues related to Christian ideas on death and the afterlife, including:

- whether or not God's judgement takes place immediately after death or at the end of time
- whether or not hell and heaven are eternal
- whether or not heaven is the transformation and perfection of the whole of creation
- whether or not purgatory is a state through which everyone goes

## Spring Term

**Knowledge of God's Existence:** Learners should have the opportunity to discuss issues related to Christian ideas on knowledge of God, including:

- whether or not God can be known through reason alone
- whether or not faith is sufficient reason for belief in God's existence
- whether or not the Fall has completely removed all natural human knowledge of God
- whether or not natural knowledge of God is the same as revealed knowledge of God
- whether or not belief in God's existence is sufficient to put one's trust in him

**The Person of Jesus:** Learners should have the opportunity to discuss issues related to Christian ideas regarding Jesus Christ as a source of authority, including:

- whether or not Jesus was only a teacher of wisdom
- whether or not Jesus was more than a political liberator
- whether or not Jesus' relationship with God was very special or truly unique
- whether or not Jesus thought he was divine

## Summer Term

**Christian Moral principles:** Learners should have the opportunity to discuss issues related to diversity of Christian moral principles, including:

- whether or not Christian ethics are distinctive
- whether or not Christian ethics are personal or communal
- whether or not the principle of love is sufficient to live a good life
- whether or not the Bible is a comprehensive moral guide

**Christian moral action:** Learners should have the opportunity to discuss issues related to Christian moral action in the life and teaching of Bonhoeffer, including:

- whether or not Christians should practise civil disobedience
- whether or not it is possible always to know God's will
- whether or not Bonhoeffer puts too much emphasis on suffering
- whether or not Bonhoeffer's theology has relevance today

### Assessment Criteria –

- AS OCR Development of Christian Thought OCR
- 100% Examination sat at the end of Year 12
- 1 hour and 15 minutes exam
- The student will choose 2 from the 3 available questions

### Curriculum Map / Areas of Study -

- Students will study Development of Christian Thought for 1 hours per week