

Key Stage 5 - Philosophy, Religion and Ethics Curriculum 2023-2024

Careers	Building understanding of world views and philosophical and ethical approaches gives an understanding of how society functions. Leading to careers in the public sector, HR, Social policy design, law, environmental work, International development, working with NGO's etc. home work related tasks will be set at the end of every cycle that link to careers.									
	A level Year 1					A level Year 2				
	Knowledge and skills				Enrichment and Cross curricular links	Knowledge and skills				Enrichment and Cross curricular links
Cycle 1	Intro to course What is philosophy?		Intro to course What is natural law?		Debating society Law Psychology	The person of Jesus Christ		Gender and theology		Debating society Sociology and Psychology
	Plato and reality		The teleos/ultimate end			Knowledge of God's existence		Gender and society		
	Plato and the Forms		The four tiers of law			Religious pluralism and theology		Challenge of secularism		
	The Cave Analogy		The precepts			Religious pluralism and society		Christian moral principles		
	Intro Aristotle		Real and apparent goods			Christian moral action		Liberation theology and Marx		
	The Four causes		The doctrine of double effect and discussing natural law							
	Aristotle's Prime Mover		Completion of discussion on natural law							
	Plato/Aristotle comparison & evaluation		End of topic assessment							
	End of topic assessment		Intro to situation ethics							
	Scholars/Chomsky/Descartes/Hume		A teleological Christian ethic							
	Aristotle's understanding of reality		Agape							
	Plato's understanding of reality		The six propositions							
	Intro to soul, mind & body		Conscience							

Cycle 2	Aristotle & the soul/ Plato & the soul	Discussing Situation Ethics	Debating society Psychology	The nature and attributes of God	An Intro to Meta – ethical theories	Debating society Sociology
	Materialism	Ethical judgement and agape		The nature and attributes of God	Naturalism	
	Materialist critiques of dualism – responses to these critiques	Discussion on agape and the rejection of absolutes		Religious language – What is religious lang. and the apophatic way or negativa	Intuitionism – GE Moore	
	'Soul' as metaphor or a reality	Discussion on agape and the rejection of absolutes		The via positiva	Intuitionism - Pritchard	
	Revision/recap soul, mind & body	End of topic assessment		Ramsey models and qualifiers	Intuitionism - Ross	
	Arguments based on observation – the Teleological Argument	Intro Kantian Ethics		Symbolism to talk about God/Tillich	Emotivism – A J Ayer Intuitionism - Stevenson	
	Teleological argument contd. - critiques	Kant's moral teaching		Discussing rel lang	Evaluation of meta ethics	
	Cosmological argument	The hypothetical imperative		20 th Century perspectives on Rel Lang The challenge from logical positivism	Conscience - Intro	
	Cosmological argument	The formula for the categorical imperative		Wittgensteins' views	Aquinas	
		The three postulates		The factual quality of rel. lang in the falsification debates (Flew)	Aquinas	
	The ontological argument	Discussing Kantian ethics		Hare's response	Freud's psychological approach to conscience	
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Cycle 3	Religious Experience	An Intro to utilitarianism	Debating society	Basil Mitchell, the parable of the partisan	Freud's psychological approach to conscience	Debating society	
		Bentham and utilitarianism		Is religion meaningless	Comparing Aquinas and Freud		
	Problem of evil	Mill's utilitarianism		Overview of debate – Flew, Hare, Mitchell, Aquinas, Wittgenstein	An Intro to sexual ethics		
		Preference utilitarianism		Overview of debate – Flew, Hare, Mitchell, Aquinas, Wittgenstein	Secular thinking on sexual ethics - Mill		
	<u>Introduction – Developments in Christian Thought</u> The person of Jesus Christ	End of topic assessment The sanctity of life/quality of life		An Intro to sexual ethics	Application of sexual ethical theories – Natural law		
		Non-religious views of euthanasia/personhood					
	Christian moral principles	Voluntary euthanasia		Premarital and extra marital	Application of sexual ethical theories – Situation ethics		
		Non-voluntary euthanasia		Premarital and extra marital – Christian views	Application of sexual ethical theories - Kant		
	Christian moral action	Case study – Simon's choice		Homosexuality - CofE	Application of sexual ethical theories - Utilitarianism		
		Applying ethical theories to euthanasia including situation ethics		Homosexuality- Catholic	Half term		
		Medical intervention Vs non intervention End of topic assessment		Changing Christian moral thought on homosexuality	Discussing sexual ethics – beliefs and practices and relevance today		
					Discussing sexual ethics – private vs public ideas of norms and associated legislation		
					Discussing sexual ethics – are the theories useful		
				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revision of all topic areas, as agreed with students.• This will be based upon the strengths of students in particular topics and will be specific to them. Revision plans will be agreed and shared focus of revision in lesson will be on exam skills and in particular essay writing.			
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