

Key Stage 5 - Philosophy, Religion and Ethics Curriculum

Career s	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	<u>Intro to situation ethics</u>				
	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	The nature and attributes of God	An Intro to Meta - ethical theories	Debating society Sociology
	Materialism	Ethical judgement and agape		Psychology	The nature and attributes of God	
	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 rel lang 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		Changing Christian moral thought on homosexuality	Discussing sexual ethics - beliefs and practices and relevance today	
		End of topic assessment			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. <p>Revision plans will be agreed and shared focus of revision in lesson will be on exam skills and in particular essay writing.</p>		

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