

## KS5 Curriculum Overview: Ethics (Year 12)

### Rationale: OCR A Level Religious Studies will encourage learners to...

- develop their interest in a rigorous study of ethics and related to the wider world
- develop knowledge and understanding appropriate to a specialist study of ethics
- develop an understanding and appreciation of Ethics its contribution to individuals, communities and societies
- adopt an enquiring, critical and reflective approach to the study of the ethics
- reflect on and develop their own values, opinions and attitudes in the light of their study

Term / Length of Unit	Outline	Assessment	Home Learning	Resources	Knowledge/Skills End Points	Reading
Aut 1	Introduction of Ethics Person and Community Ethical Life Theories of Ethics Aquinas and Natural Law Four tiers of Natural Law The principles of double effect Objections of theories of Natural Law Conclusions	Exam Question – <u>To what extent is natural Law the best way of solving moral problems?</u>	Wider reading Revision and review activities Exam question at end of the topic	SOL Powerpoints Textbook Wider reading provided News events	Skills: Knowledge Expression Application Evaluation	Guided reading tasks  Independent study reading tasks  Text book support from OCR  Extracts taken directly from philosophical texts
Aut 2	Situation Ethics an introduction Joseph Fletcher's Situation Ethics Fletcher on Conscience Objection to Situation Ethics theories Conclusions	Exam Question – <u>"Situation ethics is neither Christian nor believable."</u> <u>Discuss</u>	Wider reading  Revision and review activities Exam question at end of the topic	SOL Power points for each lesson A wide variety of books to support extra reading Websites	Skills: Knowledge Expression Application Evaluation	Guided reading tasks  Independent study reading tasks  Text book support from OCR  Extracts taken directly from philosophical texts
Sp 1	Kantian Ethics – An introduction Kant's moral teachings Hypothetical imperatives The Categorical Imperative Objections to Kant's Ethics Conclusions	Exam Question: <u>"We cannot universalise our ethical judgements"</u> <u>Discuss</u>	Wider reading  Revision and review activities Exam question at end of the topic	SOL Power points for each lesson A wide variety of books to support extra reading Websites	Skills: Knowledge Expression Application Evaluation	Guided reading tasks  Independent study reading tasks  Text book support from OCR  Extracts taken directly from philosophical texts

Sp 2	An introduction to Utilitarianism Jeremy Bentham and classical utilitarianism Teleology and relativism Peter Singer and preference utilitarianism Objections to utilitarianism Conclusions	Exam question: <u>To what extent is utilitarianism helpful in living a truly moral life?</u>	Wider reading  Revision and review activities Exam question at end of the topic	SOL Power points for each lesson A wide variety of books to support extra reading Websites	Skills: Knowledge Expression Application Evaluation	Guided reading tasks  Independent study reading tasks  Text book support from OCR  Extracts taken directly from philosophical texts
Sum 1	An introduction to euthanasia A problem of a definition The law and euthanasia Sanctity of life principle The quality of life principle Voluntary euthanasia Non-voluntary euthanasia Applications of natural law and situation ethics to euthanasia	Exam Question: <u>"Situationism is the best method of assessing whether euthanasia is morally acceptable"</u> <u>Discuss</u>	Wider reading  Revision and review activities Exam question at end of the topic	SOL Power points for each lesson A wide variety of books to support extra reading Websites	Skills: Knowledge Expression Application Evaluation	Guided reading tasks  Independent study reading tasks  Text book support from OCR  Extracts taken directly from philosophical texts
Sum 2	An introduction to business ethics Corporate and social responsibility Applying ethical theories to business ethics Whistle-blowing Good ethics is good business Globalisation Conclusion	Exam Question - <u>"The only concern of a business should be to make a profit"</u> <u>Discuss</u>	Wider reading  Revision and review activities Exam question at end of the topic	SOL Power points for each lesson A wide variety of books to support extra reading Websites	Skills: Knowledge Expression Application Evaluation	Guided reading tasks  Independent study reading tasks  Text book support from OCR  Extracts taken directly from philosophical texts