



The big, important questions.

How should we treat ourselves, others and the world?

How do we know what's right and wrong?

How could we make the world more equal?

Ethics gets our students thinking about everything from euthanasia to pollution, from nuclear weapons to animal rights.

It involves discussion, reading, critical thinking, debating, dramas, and presentations.

It supports the school's literacy focus, by expanding the students' vocabulary, and by enabling them to write paragraphs and essays to express their views.



Students have two hours of Ethics per week in years 7 to 9, then one hour a week in years 10 and 11. In addition to this, they may also choose one of our examined courses.

Examined courses that we currently offer:

GCSE Religious Studies

A-Level:

Philosophy and Ethics

Sociology

Psychology

Some of the topics we cover:



Year 7

What are ethical values and personal qualities?

Relationships with others, and treating them ethically.

Friendship and bullying.

Looking after ourselves (coping mentally, a healthy life-style, alcohol and smoking).

Behaving responsibly in public.

Sikhs: What they believe, and how they practice Sikhism.

Year 8:

Prejudice (including racism and homophobia).

Attitudes towards terrorism.

Politics, and our rights and responsibilities as citizens.

Looking after ourselves (mental and physical health and coping with stress).

Deep philosophical questions such as, 'What is beauty?' and 'Does God exist?'

Relationships education.

Years 10 and 11

The Holocaust

Families and Relationships

Ethics and Sport

Animal Rights

Finance

Year 9:

Crime and punishment.

Positive and negative use of leisure time.

Attitudes towards conflict, war and peace.

Poverty in the world.

Financial awareness, debt and gambling.

Drugs and the dangers associated with them.

GCSE Religious Studies

Investigate the key beliefs of the largest religion in the world, Christianity, and Sikhism, one of the smallest.

Explore how followers of Christianity and Sikhism practice their religion, including how they celebrate festivals, what happens during worship and how they become full members.

Understand how followers of Christianity and other religions, including Sikhism, Islam and Buddhist respond to modern ethical issues, such as crime and punishment, war and peace and medical ethics.

Discover how Christians and Sikhs experience their faith, through visits to places of worship, chances to meet and talk to followers of the faith, and the chance to try food connected with their festivals.

