

# THE Philosophy and Ethics CURRICULUM

Use Philosophy and Ethics in many potential jobs:

Study at AHS 6<sup>th</sup> form

Study Philosophy and ethics at University

Study Philosophy and Ethics at a 6<sup>th</sup> form college

**Topic 3 – Celebrity**  
What makes someone famous?  
Is it good to be famous?  
Are celebrities role models?

**Topic 2 - Social Responsibility**  
UK democracy – how does it work?  
What is the importance of voting?  
How are laws made?  
What is the UK legal system?  
What are the Rights and Responsibilities of a citizen?  
How has identity and diversity in UK developed?  
Is Protest a good thing?

**Topic 1 – Philosophy and Ethics**  
Overview of Philosophy – Big Questions  
Overview of Ethics – Making moral choices  
Crime and punishment – Why do we have laws?  
Crime and punishment – What is the purpose of punishment?  
Crime and punishment – Should we use corporal punishment in schools  
Crime and punishment – Is capital punishment justified?

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**Topic 4 – Religion in the media**  
What do we mean by ‘the media’?  
How is religion portrayed in the media?  
Should some speech not be free?  
Is sex and violence in the media harmful?  
Is social media a good thing?

Assessment

**Topic 3 – End of Life**  
What are the different beliefs about the soul?  
What are the different beliefs about an afterlife?  
How and why do we remember the dead?

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**Topic 4 – Festivals**  
Why do Christians celebrate Easter?  
Why do Muslims fast during Ramadan?  
What is the festival of Vaisakhi?

Assessment

**Topic 1 – Medical Ethics**  
What are the different attitudes to sex and contraception?  
What are the different attitudes to abortion?  
What are the different attitudes to Euthanasia and end of life decisions?  
What are the different attitudes to genetic research like cloning and stem cells?  
What are the different attitudes to vivisection?

**Topic 2 – Peace and Conflict**  
What types of conflict are there?  
Why do wars happen?  
Can war be justified?  
Is it wrong to be a pacifist?

Assessment

**Topic 3 – Ethics**  
Do men and women have different roles?  
Should women be priests?  
What are the different attitudes to homosexuality?  
What do religions teach about racism?  
When has religious belief helped inspire people?

**Topic 2 - Morality**  
What is morality?  
What helps us make moral decisions?  
What is religious extremism?  
Can you be moral without religion?

Assessment

**Topic 1 – Family**  
What is a family?  
What are the functions of a family?  
What are the different attitudes to marriage?  
What are the different attitudes to divorce?  
Can interfaith marriages work?

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**Topic 4 – Religious Practices**  
What is the purpose of worship?  
How do people Worship?  
Should people give money as part of worship?  
Assessment

**Topic 3 - Poverty, Wealth and Equality**  
What is poverty?  
What causes poverty?  
How can people help those in poverty?  
Are there moral and immoral occupations?  
What are human rights?  
What is social justice?  
Why is there prejudice and discrimination?

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**Topic 5 – Buddhism**  
What do Buddhists believe about deity?  
What is in a Buddhist Temple?  
What is the Pali Cannon?

Assessment

**Topic 4 - Sikhism**  
What do Sikhs believe about deity?  
What is in a Gurdwara?  
What is The Guru Granth Sahib?

**Topic 1 - Philosophical Questions**  
What does Religion teach about the origins of the universe?  
What does science teach about the origins of the universe?  
How can people argue for the existence of God?  
How can people argue against the existence of God?  
What is the problem of evil?

**Topic 2 – Philosophical Questions**  
What is the place of humanity in the world?  
Do animals have rights?  
Should we be stewards of the environment?  
Can religion and science coexist?

Assessment

**Topic 3 – Islam**  
What do Muslims believe about deity?  
What is in a mosque?  
What is The Qur’an

Assessment

**Topic 2 - Christianity**  
What do Christians believe about deity?  
What is in a church?  
What is The Bible?

**Topic 1 - Comparative Religion**  
Why do we study RE?  
What are Ethics and Philosophy?  
What are the ‘Big Questions’?  
How did Religions develop?  
Why is religion important in the world?  
How are the major world religions connected?  
What do different religions share?

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