ROAD MAP TO

# THE Philosophy and Ethics CURRICULUM

## YEAR 7

**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?

**Assessment**

**Topic 2 - Christianity**
What do Christians believe about deity?
What is in a church?
What is The Bible?
Important people – Jesus
Festivals – Easter and Christmas

**Topic 3 – Islam**
What do Muslims believe about deity?
What is in a mosque?
What is The Qur'an
Important people – Mohammed
Festivals - Ramadan

**Assessment**

**Topic 4 - Sikhism**
What do Sikhs believe about deity
What is in a Gurdwara?
What is The Guru Granth Sahib?
Important people – Guru Nanak
Festivals - Vaisakhi

**Topic 5 – Buddhism**
What do Buddhists believe about deity?
What is in a Buddhist Temple?
What is the Pali Cannon?
Important people – The Buddha
Festival - Wesak

**Assessment**

**Topic 6 – Religious Practices**
What is the purpose of worship?
How do people worship?
Should money be a part of worship?

## YEAR 8

**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?

**Assessment**

**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 - 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?

**Assessment**

**Topic 4 – Family**
What is a family?
What are the functions of a family?
What are different attitudes towards marriage
What are different the attitudes towards divorce
Interfaith marriages

**Assessment**

**Topic 5 - Morality**
What is morality?
What helps us make moral decisions?
What is religious extremism?
Can you be moral without religion?

**Assessment**

**Topic 6 – 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?

**Assessment**

## YEAR 9

**Topic 1 – Crime and Punishment**
Overview of Philosophy - Big Questions
Overview of Ethics – Making moral choices
Crime and punishment – Why do we have laws?
Crime and punishment – What the purpose of punishment?

**Topic 1 continued**
Crime and punishment – Should we use corporal punishment in schools
Crime and punishment – Is capital punishment justified?

**Assessment**

**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 – 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**

## YEAR 10

**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?

**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?

**Assessment**

## YEAR 11

**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?

**Assessment**

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