

## Year 12:

# Religion and Ethics

### Overview:

*Year 12 Religion and Ethics focusses on the four main ethical theories for judging moral actions. You will be expected to explain and evaluate the application and effectiveness of each theory and apply them to moral dilemmas.*

### Term 1:

#### Natural Law:

In the first topic you will explain Thomas Aquinas' theory of Natural Law. You will study the five primary precepts and secondary precepts in Natural Law, before evaluating the application and effectiveness of the theory in judging moral decisions.

#### Kantian Ethics:

You will be evaluating the theory put forward by Emmanuel Kant on how to make moral decisions based upon the categorical imperative. You will explore the three postulates and explain why they are accepted as a moral command. You will evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the theory.

### Term 2:

#### Situation Ethics:

In this topic you are using the Christian concept of agape love and using it to make moral decisions as guided by Joseph Fletcher. You will evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of using a relativists ethical theory.

#### Utilitarianism:

You will evaluate an ethical theory based upon what creates the most pleasure for the greatest amount of people, put forward by Jeremy Bentham. You will be able to explain both Act Utilitarianism and Rule Utilitarianism.

### Term 3:

#### Business Ethics:

You will be exploring the ethical issues that occur within the world of corporate business and how ethical theories aim to judge the best course of action. You will explain issues such as globalisation, whistle-blowing and social responsibility.

#### Euthanasia:

You will explore the controversial ethical issue of euthanasia. You will be able to explain the different forms and types of euthanasia and apply ethical theories to judge the morality of the choice.