

Year 13:

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:

Meta-ethical theories:

In the first topic you will be exploring the meaning of 'goodness'. You will be looking at the three main meta-ethical positions Naturalism, Intuitionism and Emotivism. You will be expected to be able to evaluate and analyse these three positions and their impact on moral choices.

Conscience:

You will understand the meaning of conscience from two approaches, Aquinas' theological approach and Freud's psychological approach. You will need to compare and contrast both views of the conscience and evaluate them in detail.

Term 2:

Sexual Ethics:

In this topic you are focussing on how attitudes to sexuality have changed over time and how society judges sexual acts. We focus on homosexuality, pre marital sex and extra marital sex. You will evaluate whether sexual behaviour should be a public or private matter. You will evaluate whether religion has had an impact of the opinion of sexuality throughout history and society.

Term 3:

Revision of all topics:

You will be given guidance through topics that you need recovering in these lessons. Clear instructions and guidance on how to structure essay answers are taught. Staff are available to explain scholars and teachings in more detail and you will be encouraged to complete past papers under timed conditions.