

Year 7-9 curriculum sequencing skeleton- philosophy and ethics

Based on Derbyshire Locally Agreed Syllabus Updated 2023

TERM	Year 7 2 lessons per fortnight	Year 8 2 lessons per fortnight	Year 9 3 lessons per fortnight
AUTUMN	<p><u>Does God exist?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Philosophical theories about God's existence: From Christianity and Islam How do people experience God? <p>Skills: Oracy/ description/ evaluation-extended writing</p>	<p><u>What does it mean to be Buddhist?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Origins & Teachings Relevance in our modern world <p>Skills: Oracy/ extended writing/ evaluation</p>	<p><u>What does it mean to be religious in modern society?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible challenges of being Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Jewish or Christian in a secular world. <p>Skills: Oracy/ extended writing/ evaluation</p> <p><u>What are philosophical and ethical theories?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What were the philosophies of Bentham and Kant How to make ethical decisions and their pros and cons. Application of ethics to medical ethics <p>Skills: Oracy/ critical thinking/ evaluation</p>
SPRING	<p><u>The significance of the Bible</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the big picture of the Bible- why do Jews and Christians use the scripture? How does it influence Christians today? <p>Skills: How to read a Bible/ extended writing/ evaluation</p> <p><u>Divine Women</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who are the important female religious role models? From Christianity, Judaism and Hinduism <p>Skills: Description/ creative writing/ oracy</p>	<p><u>Was Jesus a rebel?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How and why did Jesus die? Why was Jesus seen as rebellious then and today? Is having the values of Jesus challenging? <p>Skills: Analysis and interpretation of texts/ evaluation</p>	<p><u>The problem of evil and suffering</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can you believe in God when there is suffering and evil? Solutions and responses to suffering: From Christianity, Islam and Judaism <p>Skills: Oracy/ evaluation/ critical thinking/ group work and Presentation</p> <p><u>What are human rights?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are topical issues surrounding human rights and global injustices? What do religions teach about fighting for human rights and personal conviction? Christianity, Islam and Hinduism <p>Skills: Comprehension/ analysis/ oracy/ group work/ presentation/ evaluation/ research of Amnesty International</p>
SUMMER	<p><u>Core values of the Sikhi Faith:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are key beliefs and role of the Gurdwara in promoting equality and charity? <p>Skills: Empathy/ oracy/ extended writing/ evaluation</p>	<p><u>Sacred spaces</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The symbolism & function in the wider community: Christian and Muslim Places of pilgrimage: Hindu, Judaism, Sikhi Should sacred spaces be sold for a good cause? <p>Skills: Oracy/ interpretation/ evaluation/ group work and presentation</p>	<p><u>Religion and conflict:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do religions teach about war, peace and forgiveness? From all six major world religions <p>Skills: Comprehension/ oracy/ evaluation/ group work and presentation</p>