

**Course information****Year: 7 Subject: Ethics and Philosophy**

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**Subject Content**

**Autumn 1: The Island** - Introducing students to key concepts and ideas surrounding community

**Autumn 2: The Big Story** - For students to understand an overview of the story told in the Bible

**Spring 1: Hindu Worship** - To allow students to explore how worship can strengthen relationships with God.

**Spring 2: Pilgrimage** - To learn about fundamental beliefs within Islam and to explore how and why Muslims complete Hajj

**Summer 1: Justice - Key Religious Leaders** - To learn how people can use their faith to further their aims

**Summer 2: The Environment - Becoming a global citizen** - To understand how our individual actions can contribute to our environment

**Assessment Details:**

To be successful students will need to be able to apply what they are learning to short 'essay' style questions that encourage inclusion of different ways of thinking. Assessments will generally happen at the end of each topic which will usually be just before each half term.

**What can I do to support my child at home?**

When studying Ethics and Philosophy at The Cottesloe School, students are encouraged to embark upon a quest for answers to ultimate questions, such as 'What happens when we die?' and 'Does God exist?'. The main focus of Ethics and Philosophy is to develop the critical thinking skills in our students and facilitate their exploration of not only religion and religious ways of life, but also key moral and ethical dilemmas that may face the world within the 21 st century.

With this in mind, you can support your child in Ethics and Philosophy by;

- Encouraging them to engage with news stories that are relevant to the subject
- Discussing key ethical dilemmas that are facing the world today, encouraging critical thinking
- Visiting places of worship and sites of religious and historical relevance
- Assisting your child with remembering keywords and concepts (these are available in electronic form from the department)
- Assisting your child in memorising key scripture from sources of authority that they can refer to in their exam

**Recommended resources for the course:****Websites:**

BBC <http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/>

BBC bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zb48q6f:>

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