

Course information

Year: 8 Subject: Ethics and Philosophy

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Subject Content

Autumn 1: Moral codes for living- Exploring different sets of rules that may guide people's life, both religious and secular

Autumn 2: The Philosophy of Identity- An exploration of whether there is more to life than just a physical identity

Spring 1: Martin Luther King- Non-Violent protest- Exploring how faith can encourage non-violent actions

Spring 2: Ethical dilemmas in the 21st century- How do we decide what is right and wrong?

Summer 1: Sikh ways of life

Summer 2: Holocaust Studies - Willesden lane- An in-depth study into aspects of the Holocaust

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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