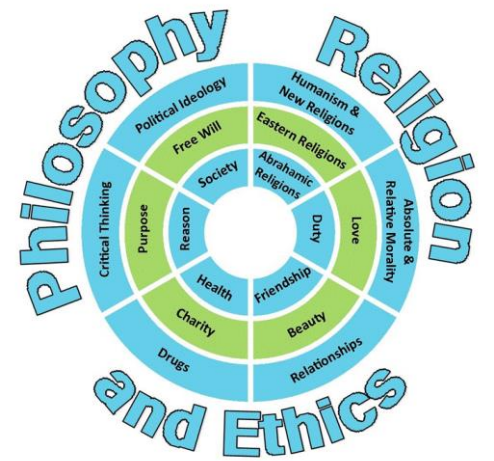
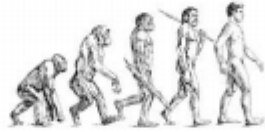


GCSE Religion, Philosophy and Ethics





What will I be learning about?

Topics you will study	
Religion and Life	Science and religion, The Big Bang, evolution, creation, animal rights, euthanasia, abuse of the natural environment, abortion, life after death
Families and Relationships	Human relationships; sex before and outside of marriage; contraception; role and purpose of marriage; divorce and remarriage; role of parents; same-sex relationships; roles of men and women; gender equality.
Human Rights and Social Justice	Prejudice and discrimination; homophobia, sexism and racism; equality; human rights; social justice and equality; attitudes to wealth and poverty; the role of charities
Religion, Peace and Conflict	Peace and Conflict, Terrorism, Just War Theory, Holy War, Evil & Suffering, Pacifism.
Christian Beliefs and Practices	Nature of God and person of Jesus, stories of creation, ideas about death and the afterlife. Different forms of worship and prayer, importance of sacraments, festivals and pilgrimage. Role of the Church.
Muslim Beliefs and Practices	Nature of God, angels, life after death. Role of the prophets, holy books and leadership. Five pillars of Islam, festivals, charity, pilgrimage. Muslims in Britain today.

What skills I will gain/will I be using?

- Developing opinions and articulating my views clearly with debates
- Analytical thinking and critical evaluation
- Empathy, tolerance, respect and understanding of others.
- Research skills
- Logical thinking
- Interpretation of ideas
- Questioning core concepts and beliefs about the world around you.

What would I do in lessons/at home?

- Independent work
- Group work
- Presentations
- Discussion and debate
- Internet based research
- Extended writing and wider reading of topic areas.
- Knowledge organisers and quizzes

How will I be assessed?

You will sit two exams at the end of year 10

Paper 1: 50%: 1 hour 45 minutes: Study of World Religions- Christianity and Islam

Paper 2: 50%: 1 hour 45 minutes: Philosophy and Ethics- Thematic Studies: Theme B (Religion and Life), Theme D (Peace and Conflict), Theme E (Crime and Punishment) and Theme F (Human Rights and Social Justice).