

Year 12 Religious Studies

Year Calendar Plan			
Dates	Lesson Focus (Philosophy & Ethics)	Lesson Focus (Christianity)	Assessment/Revision
Term 1	<u>Philosophy</u> Ancient Greek introduction to Philosophy Design argument for the existence of God <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paley's analogical argument • Criticisms of design arguments <u>Ethics</u> Normative ethical theories Natural moral law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquinas, double effect, proportionalism • Evaluation • The application of this theory to the issues of theft and lying 	Sources of wisdom and authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the Bible • The nature and authority of the Bible • The authority of the Church • The authority of Jesus 	PC1: 30th Sept- 4th Oct
Term 2	<u>Philosophy</u> Ontological argument for the existence of God <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anselm, Gaunilo • Kant's criticisms Cosmological argument for the existence of God <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquinas' 3rd way: contingency and necessity • Criticisms: Hume, Russell <u>Ethics</u> Situation ethics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fletcher • Evaluation • The application of this theory to the issues of theft and lying 	God <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian monotheism • God as personal, Father, love • God in process theology 	PC2: 25th-29th Nov
Term 3	<u>Philosophy</u> The problem of evil <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The problem of evil and suffering • Responses to the problem: Hick's soul-making theodicy, Procees thought <u>Ethics</u> Virtue ethics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aristotle • Evaluation • The application of this theory to the issues of theft and lying 	Self, death and the afterlife <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meaning and purpose of life • Resurrection • Different interpretations of judgement, heaven, hell, purgatory 	PC3: 27th-31st Jan
Term 4	<u>Philosophy</u> Religious Experience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature of religious experience • Verifying religious experiences <u>Ethics</u> Application of Ethical Theories to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • matters of human life and death <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ embryo research, cloning, designer babies ○ abortion ○ euthanasia ○ capital punishment • matters of animal life and death <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the use of animals for food, intensive farming ○ the use of animals in scientific procedures, cloning ○ the use of animals in blood sports ○ the use of animals as a source for organ transplants 	Good conduct and key moral principles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good conduct • Sanctity of life • Dominion and stewardship 	PC4: 16th-20th March
Term 5	<u>Philosophy</u> Religious Language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background to religious language • Verification and Falsification principles • Responses to the challenges of Verification and Falsification • Other views of the nature of religious language: analogical, the <i>Via Negativa</i>, symbolic 	Expressions of religious identity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baptism • Holy Communion • The mission of the Church 	PC5: 15th-18th June
Term 6			

