



OVERVIEW

Our department's objective is to offer a rich and varied curriculum that will prepare our students for life in a culturally diverse and everchanging world.

In Y7-8 the students have studied a variety of religions and built an appreciation of religious traditions. In Y9 they will apply their understanding to matters of debate with real-world ethical implications.

Autumn

Introduction to Ethics

- Moral dilemmas and decision making
- Natural Law
- Situation ethics
- Utilitarianism
- Criticisms of utilitarianism
- Humanist morality

Assessment:

Topic test consisting of knowledge questions and extended writing.

Personal development:

Rule of law: Duty ethics as the basis for moral and ethical behaviours.

Positive contribution on lives of others: making more ethical choices to the benefit of the self and wider society.

Spring

Ethics in the Modern World

- Abortion
- PDG and Saviour Siblings
- Euthanasia
- Capital punishment
- Animal testing
- Environment and fast fashion

Assessment:

Topic test consisting of knowledge questions and extended writing.

Personal development:

Democracy: the civil rights movement and legal fight for equality.

Rule of Law: The Equalities Act.

Equality and Diversity: The entire topic is an exploration

Summer

Philosophy and the Modern Self

- Philosophy of mind
- Cosmological argument
- Design argument
- Problem of evil
- AI and philosophy

Assessment:

Students will complete an end of year exam which assesses content from Units 1 and 2.

Personal development:

Equality, diversity, and inclusivity: respecting the views and traditions of others.

Mutual Respect & Tolerance: Understanding the views of others.

Useful resources for supporting your child at home:

Seneca Learning: All topics are available for self study.

Knowledge Organiser: These contain the essential information students need to know for each unit.

UL Curriculum Hub: Contains content from the UL trust which compliments that taught at ICA.

Homework:

Homework will be in the form of SENECA every half term.