

Religious Studies - Religion and Ethics (Year 13)

Calendar 2019/20	Big Question/Theme	Small Questions	Assessment opportunities and criteria. TFP
<p><u>Autumn 1</u> 8 weeks</p>	<p>Meta-Ethics; what is the meaning of right and wrong?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the definition of meta-ethics? • What is ethical naturalism? • What is utilitarianism? • How is Bentham an ethical naturalist? • How is John Stuart Mill an ethical naturalist? • What are the strengths and challenges of ethical naturalism? • What is ethical non-naturalism? • What does G.E Moore teach about the nature of 	<p>Assessment opportunities AO1 and AO2 questions built into lessons and set for HWK.</p> <p>TFP - AO1 question to be set exploring how Utilitarian Ethics reflects naturalism.</p> <p>TFP - AO2 question to be set evaluating the success of the Divine Command Theory in Christian Ethics.</p>

		<p>Intuitionism?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the prima facie duties? Why are these important? • What are the strengths and challenges of intuitionism as a non-naturalist theory? • What is the Divine Command theory? • How does the Divine Command theory reflect meta-ethics? • What are the strengths and weaknesses of Christian Divine Command? 	
<p><u>Autumn 2</u> 7 weeks</p>	<p>What are the conditions of free will and moral responsibility?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is free will? • What is the nature of free will within ethics? • How can we, as humans, truly 	<p>Assessment opportunities A01 and A02 questions built into lessons and set for HWK.</p> <p>TFP - A01 question to be set</p>

		<p>understand the difference between right and wrong?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do humans have a sense of moral awareness?• What is hard determinism? How does this impact the nature of free will and moral responsibility?• What is libertarianism? How does this impact the nature of free will and moral responsibility?• What is compatibilism? How does this impact the nature of free will and moral responsibility?• What is the relevance of reward and punishment when establishing moral	<p>exploring the nature of hard determinism.</p> <p>TFP - AO2 question to be set evaluating which approach to moral responsibility is the most successful.</p>
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		responsibility?	
<p>Spring 1 6 weeks</p>	<p>What is the nature of conscience? How do religious and non-religious ideas relating to the conscience differ?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is conscience? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are non-religious ideals about the nature of conscience? • How does Kohlberg examine the importance of conscience in the non-religious sense? • How does Freud explore the conscience as an aspect of the super-ego? • How does Durkheim relate conscience as sanctions or human conditioning? • How does Fromm explain the humanistic conscience? • What are religious ideas about the nature 	<p>Assessment opportunities A01 and A02 questions built into lessons and set for HWK.</p> <p>TFP - A01; Examine the religious views about the nature of conscience.</p> <p>TFP - A02; 'Religious believers should always obey their conscience'. Evaluate this claim.</p>

		<p>of conscience?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does Schleiermacher explore conscience as the innate voice of God? • How does Aquinas explain conscience as a God-given faculty of reason? • How does Joseph Fletcher describe conscience as agape? • How does conscience act as a guide in moral decision making? 	
<p><u>Spring 2</u> 6 weeks</p>	<p>How can the ethical ideals of Kant and Bentham be compared?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the social context of Bentham? • What was the social context of Kant? • What is 'Act Utilitarianism'? • What is the 'Hedonic Calculus'? • What are the strengths and 	<p>Assessment opportunities A01 and A02 questions built into lessons and set for HWK.</p> <p>TFP: A01 - Examine the key ideas of Bentham about moral decision-making.</p> <p>TFP: A02 - 'Bentham's</p>

		<p>Challenges towards Bentham's line of thinking?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is Kant's 'Categorical Imperative'?• Why is the concept of universability so important to Kant?• How does the ideal of the summum bonum link to the Categorical Imperative?• What are the strengths and challenges of Kant's Categorical Imperative?• Where are Bentham's views compatible with Christian decision-making?• Where are Bentham's views not compatible with Christian decision	<p>approach to ethics has nothing in common with religious decision making.' Evaluate this claim.</p>
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		<p>making?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where are Kant's views compatible with Christian decision making? • Where are Kant's views not-compatible with Christian decision making? 	
<p><u>Summer 1</u> 5 weeks</p>	<p>What is the dialogue between Christianity and Ethics?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do elements of Christianity link to deontological, teleological and character based ethics? • What is the compatibility between elements of Christianity with Virtue Ethics, Situation Ethics and NML? • To what extent can Christian ethics be considered to be 	<p>Assessment opportunities A01 and A02 questions built into lessons and set for HWK.</p> <p>TFP: Christian attitudes to animals are consistent to those of NML.</p> <p>Critically examine and evaluate this view with reference to the dialogue between Christianity and natural moral law.</p>

		<p>teleological, deontological and character based?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How does Christian ethics respond to issue of human life and death? How does this link or differ to the ethical theories we've explored?• How does Christian ethics respond to issues relating to homosexuality, transgender, marriage and divorce? How does this compare to ethical issues we have explored?• What are Christian responses to free will and moral responsibility?• What is the impact of ethical studies on	
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		Christian views about these issues, both past and present?	
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