

**SUBJECT:** Philosophy and Ethics

**YEAR:** 7

**HEAD OF DOMAIN:** Mr McCarthy

**GROUPING POLICY:** Mixed Ability Groups

**COURSE CONTENT:**

### **What will my child learn?**

Study of philosophical questions to explore religious and non-religious viewpoints. The first unit is called 'Do we need God?' and looks at reasons for theism, atheism and agnosticism. The second unit is entitled 'Beliefs and Teachings about Hinduism' and explores different Hindu beliefs and practices. In this unit the students discuss differences in beliefs and what they think about them. The final unit explores the question 'Is Buddhism a religion?' to understand what Buddhism teaches and how useful it may be to lead a good and happy life.

The students will develop their debating skills, their empathy with and understanding of others alongside a variety of philosophical or ethical approaches to world challenges.

### **What will homework look like?**

Revision, literacy homework, correction homework, mini research tasks and consolidation of classroom work will all be used on a regular basis. Homework will be set through Satchel One.

### **What enrichment opportunities are available?**

Fieldwork days for each population will be confirmed as they are planned, local opportunities around the school site or local area will be utilised where appropriate. If available national competitions, guest speakers and charity links will be pursued.

## **ASSESSMENT**

### **How will my child's work be assessed?**

- Termly assessed pieces of work;
- Regular revision and class-based tests;
- Questioning within classroom activities;
- Peer and self-assessment;
- Year 7 exam.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **How can I support my child in this subject?**

- Discuss topical issues especially of a global significance
- Discuss and help with completion of ELOs
- Support with literacy and reading