

KS4 COURSE OPTIONS

Course Title	Year 11 Philosophy and Ethics
Course Description	Year 11 focus on two ethics papers – looking at relationships such as roles in the family and different types of relationships in modern society. In the medical ethics section we look at modern issues such as cloning and animal testing and the issues around this. Religion and equality unit looks at issues in society such as racism, gender balance and forgiveness. Equality and Media then builds on this theme with how the media portrays some of the issues already covered and how censorship affects lives.
Course Content (Term 1,2,3 etc.)	Term1= Religion and human relationships Term2= Medical ethics Term3= medical ethics Term4= Religion and equality Term5=Religion and media
Extra-Curricular Opportunities	There is a discussion club Friday lunch times.
Useful Websites	http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/rs/
Important Information	Both GCSE exams require students to apply religious teachings and knowledge to the questions asked in order to support their arguments. Therefore it is essential that students focus on revising specific evidence (quotes/church teachings etc.) and can explain how relate to the topic. They must also be able to explain a personal response to the argument.
Provision For Most Able	Built in to most lessons is exam technique work which provides realistic opportunities for students to learn how to tackle a variety of exam questions. Added to this are extra opportunities for students to do extra exam technique work on top of the compulsory work set for home. There is also an opportunity for students to lead a starter activity to the lesson or chair a debate.
Assessment	Students will be required to undertake actual GCSE questions throughout the year which will be marked to GCSE criteria. There will also be formal end of unit tests which require multiple questions to be done under timed conditions.