



Ethical Studies Curriculum Plan Overview

Year 9

Term	Topic	Learning	How can parents' best support
Autumn 1	Introduction to ethics. Theme E – Crime and Punishment	Study religious teachings, religious arguments and ethical arguments relating to the topic of crime and punishment.	Watch the news/read newspapers which report on people who break the law and the consequences of their actions.
Assessment:			
Autumn 2	Theme E – Crime and Punishment	Consider corporal punishment, death penalty and forgiveness in relation to Christian beliefs and also present contrasting beliefs. Consider causes of crime and punishment.	Discuss local/national reports about Crime and how offenders are punished.
Assessment:			
Spring 1	Theme A – Relationships and Families	Study religious teachings, religious arguments and ethical arguments relating to the topic of Relationships and Families.	Watch the news/read newspapers relating to relationships, families, marriage and divorce.
Assessment:			
Spring 2	Theme A – Relationships and Families	Learn about contraception, sexual relationships before marriage and homosexual relationships in relation to Christian beliefs and also present contrasting beliefs.	Consider all kinds of families and diversity within society.
Assessment:			
Summer 1	Theme F – Religion, human rights and social justice	Study religious teachings, religious arguments and ethical arguments relating to the topic of human rights and social justice. Consider religious beliefs and contrasting beliefs about the status of women in religion, the use of wealth and freedom of religious expression.	Talk about rights and responsibilities within the home – what are the rules and expectations?
Assessment:			
Summer 2	Theme F – Religion, human rights and social justice	Learn about human rights including prejudice and discrimination within religion. Learn about wealth and poverty.	Watch the news and discuss any stories reported on which are about human rights, prejudice and discrimination.
Assessment:			