

Year 8 Ethics and Philosophy

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Autumn: The Muslim Experience of SFO	<p>This unit will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The impact of Islamic teaching on the lives of Muslims. The nature of commitment. How beliefs are expressed through a variety of actions. The difficulties of belonging to a minority faith. <p>Students will question what it means to be a Muslim in Britain today and in particular, the potential experience of a practising Muslim student. Students begin by studying the pillars of Muslim belief and question the nature of commitment. Students are encouraged to question the suitability of the school, in terms of food provision and space to pray, for Muslim students. Students are also encouraged to make links between their own beliefs and Islamic teaching. This unit covers a range of key concepts but in the main explores what it means to belong to a faith community and how beliefs are expressed, through dress, prayer and food. This unit will be assessed throughout and will end with the students making a documentary showing the problems that SFO would have in accommodating Muslim students and showing solutions to the problems.</p>
Spring: Pilgrimage	<p>Learning outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AT1- The features of a pilgrimage. (3.6 HAS) <p>AT2 –The differences between an inward and outward journey.(3.14 HAS)</p> <p>Within this unit of study students will learn about pilgrimages within the Muslim, Christian, Hindu and Sikh context. They will compare and contrast the pilgrimages with a secular pilgrimage. The students are encouraged to use a wide range of materials to research various aspects of pilgrimage in order to complete a brochure to a chosen place of pilgrimage. Students will explore the concept of commitment and explore the concept of self-fulfilment. Students are encouraged to undertake independent research using the library and begin to learn how to reference resources used. They also develop their extended writing skills in order to prepare them to GCSE study.</p>
Summer: Heroes of the Holocaust	<p>This unit will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What the holocaust was Question why it happened How it affected and displaced children In depth study about people who fought against the holocaust Ethical issues raised by the Holocaust, with a focus on Christian Ethics