



Subject: Philosophy, Religion and Ethics

Module 1

Overarching Topic: Introduction to Philosophy and Ethics

Why is this topic being studied at this time?	This module is an introduction to the themes of Philosophy and Ethics. It will prepare the learners for the topics that will follow this academic year. Learners will gain an understanding of different types of philosophical arguments as well as three ethical theories: Utilitarianism, Kantian and Situation Ethics.
How does it fit into the wider subject curriculum?	This module picks up on the idea of moral truth which was taught as part of the Year 7 curriculum in the Ultimate Questions Module and Planet X. Furthermore, this module underpins the learning to follow in the Year 8 curriculum including the Life Choices module and Radicalism and Religion.

	Critical	Core	Pinnacle
The Big Questions (What questions will students be able to answer upon mastery of the topic?)	What is reason/logic? What is experience? What is ethics? What is morality? What is a law? What is a consequence?	What is a posteriori knowledge? What is a priori knowledge? How do Utilitarians make ethical decisions? How do Kantians make ethical decisions? How do Situation Ethicists make ethical decisions? Which ethical theory do I think is the most valuable in making moral decisions?	How are ethical theories influenced by their choice of moral knowledge? Can non-religious people effectively access ethical theories such as Situation Ethics? Is consequentialism better than deontology in making ethical decisions? Can humans be truly altruistic?
The Key Skills/Techniques	The sophistication and application of skills will become more advanced as students' progress through the critical, core and pinnacle knowledge.		
	Skill/Technique	How will this skill be developed?	
	Knowledge and understanding	Powerful knowledge will be developed through the imbedding of key facts and ideas	
	Impact and Influence	Applying key ideas to real life and hypothetical examples	
	Source of Authority	Recall, analyse and apply key sources of authority and wisdom	
	Specialist Language	Define and use in context specialist, academic vocabulary	
	Judgement/Evaluation	Consider the strengths and weaknesses of key concepts and ideas in order to determine their value	
	Opinion/Other Views	Consider and empathise with contrasting beliefs and ideas	

