

Key Stage 3 COURSE

Ethics & Philosophy (EP)

FACULTY

HUMANITIES

STAFF CONTACT

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WHAT QUALITIES & SKILLS WILL BE DEVELOPED?

In EP you will learn about current affairs, philosophy, ethics and religions. You will gain the ability to see both sides of an argument but you will be required to think creatively and critically, and to develop your discussion skills. You should have an interest discovering the part religion plays in people's lives and its role in making decisions about morality and ethics.

YEAR 7

The topics covered in year 7 will be:

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Introduction to EP	Islam	Buddhism
Life of Jesus	Judaism	Spirited Arts

YEAR 8

The topics covered in year 8 will be:

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Science and Religion	Moral Issues	Martin Luther King
Just War	Fundamentalism	Who is God?



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW MANY PERIODS PER FORTNIGHT WILL I STUDY THE SUBJECT?

In year 7 and 8 you will receive 2 periods of EP per fortnight.

WILL THE CLASSES BE SET OR MIXED ABILITY?

Classes in EP will have one upper and one lower set with the remainder being mixed.

HOW OFTEN WILL I RECEIVE HOMEWORK?

Usually homework is set once a half term – 1 piece is linked to revision or gaining extra knowledge for an assessment and another piece is chilli homework.

HOW OFTEN WILL I BE TESTED?

You will be assessed 3 times during the school year.

WHAT IS THE PROGRESSION ROUTE FOR THE COURSE IN KS4?

In KS4 the study of EP is in the free option block.

WILL I GET TO DISCUSS MY OPINIONS OR JUST LEARN ABOUT OTHERS?

An essential part of the course is that you give your own opinions and there will be lots of discussions.

DO I HAVE TO BE RELIGIOUS?

Philosophy and Ethics is not religious instruction. There is no requirement to have any religious belief of your own and diversity of faith/belief is also welcomed. You must be tolerant of other religions and you will always be encouraged to keep an open mind. Students don't just learn about religions but learn from religions and understand how religion shapes people's lives and beliefs.

WILL MY OWN FAITH CONFLICT WITH STUDYING EP?

We strongly believe that all students should feel comfortable and accepted in lessons and also represented in lessons. Our lessons are informative and not instructional and we teach all faiths and beliefs with respect. It would be our pleasure to discuss the content of the course with any parent / carer as communication between parents or carers and School is vital to ensure students enjoy their lessons.

