



Topic name	Term	Skills developed	Prior learning	Next link in curriculum
Nature of God - Classical attributes of God including omnipotence, omniscience, omnibenevolence, eternity, and omnipresence. - Different understandings of God's relationship with time, including everlasting and eternal views. - The coherence and implications of divine attributes for Christian belief and practice. - Strengths and challenges of traditional and contemporary understandings of the nature of God.	AUTUMN TERM	- Explain key divine attributes and differing interpretations of God's nature. - Analyse concepts such as eternity, omnipotence, omniscience, and divine action. - Apply theological and philosophical ideas to questions about God's relationship with humanity and the world. - Evaluate the coherence and significance of different views of God's nature.	- Arguments for the existence of God based on observation and reason. - The Problem of Evil and challenges posed to divine attributes. - Augustine's teachings and Christian beliefs about salvation and grace.	- Religious language and debates about the knowability of God. - Encourages synoptic links with the Problem of Evil, Religious Experience, and arguments for God's existence.
Conscience - Key understandings from Aquinas (ratio and synderesis), Freud (superego), and other perspectives. - The role of conscience in moral decision-making and its relationship to reason, authority, and experience. - Different interpretations of conscience as innate, learned, or psychologically developed. - Strengths and weaknesses of theories of conscience and their relevance to ethical issues.		- Explain and compare different understandings of conscience. - Analyse concepts such as reason, moral awareness, guilt, and authority. - Apply theories of conscience to ethical issues and case studies. - Evaluate the effectiveness and reliability of conscience in moral decision-making.	- Natural Law, especially Aquinas' emphasis on reason and human purpose. - Situation Ethics, Christian Moral Principles, and moral decision-making. - Familiarity with philosophical and psychological approaches to ethics.	- Synoptic links with Natural Law, Situation Ethics, and Christian Moral Action. - Provides opportunities to integrate ethics, philosophy, and theology across the course.
Sexual Ethics - Issues surrounding sexual relationships, marriage, gender, and sexual behaviour in contemporary society. - Christian teachings and ethical theories applied to topics such as premarital sex, homosexuality, contraception, and marriage. - The influence of authority, conscience,		- Explain key debates and differing approaches to sexual ethics. - Analyse concepts such as autonomy, love, commitment, and moral responsibility. - Apply ethical theories and Christian teachings to contemporary issues and case studies. - Evaluate contrasting viewpoints and construct reasoned ethical judgements.	- Knowledge of Utilitarianism, Natural Law, Kantian Ethics, Situation Ethics, and Conscience. - Christian teachings on love and relationships. - Experience of	- Synoptic links across ethics, philosophy, and theology. - Comparative evaluation of religious and secular approaches to morality.



and changing social attitudes on sexual ethics. • Strengths and weaknesses of traditional and contemporary approaches to sexual morality.			applying and evaluating ethical theories in practical contexts.	
Pluralism and Society • The relationship between Christianity and a diverse, secular society. • Issues of religious diversity, tolerance, secularisation, and the role of religion in public life. • Christian responses to pluralism and the challenges of living in a multi-faith and non-religious society. • Strengths and weaknesses of different approaches to religious diversity and social cohesion.		• Explain key concepts such as pluralism, secularisation, and tolerance. • Analyse the impact of diversity and changing social attitudes on religion and society. • Apply Christian teachings and theological ideas to contemporary issues. • Evaluate contrasting perspectives and construct reasoned arguments about religion in society.	• Ethical theories and contemporary issues such as sexual ethics and business ethics	• Consolidates synoptic links across philosophy, ethics, and developments in Christian thought. • Supports comparative evaluation of religious and secular worldviews.
Kantian Ethics • Duty, good will, and the importance of reason in moral decision-making. • The categorical imperative, including universalisability, humanity as an end, and the kingdom of ends. • The distinction between hypothetical and categorical imperatives and the role of intention. • Strengths and weaknesses of Kant's deontological approach, including issues of rigidity and conflicting duties.	SPRING TERM	• Explain and compare key principles of Kantian ethics and deontological morality. • Analyse concepts such as duty, intention, autonomy, and universal moral laws. • Apply Kantian principles to ethical issues and moral dilemmas. • Evaluate criticisms and defend reasoned ethical judgements.	• Experience of ethical reasoning through Utilitarianism and consequentialist approaches. • Understanding of moral decision-making developed through GCSE or earlier A Level topics.	• A contrast with consequentialist theories such as Utilitarianism and relativist approaches such as Situation Ethics. • Applied ethics topics including euthanasia, business ethics, and sexual ethics.
Business Ethics • Ethical responsibilities of employers, employees, shareholders, and consumers. • Issues including whistleblowing, corporate social responsibility, globalisation, and fair trade. • Application of ethical theories such as		• Explain key ethical issues arising in business and commercial practices. • Analyse competing interests and moral responsibilities of stakeholders. • Apply ethical theories to contemporary business scenarios and case studies.	• Utilitarianism, Natural Law, and Kantian Ethics. • Understanding of moral decision-making and the role of intention,	• Supports wider applied ethics topics and synoptic essay writing. • Encourages comparison of ethical theories in practical contexts.



Utilitarianism, Natural Law, and Kantian Ethics to business practices. • Strengths and weaknesses of different ethical approaches to business decision-making.		• Evaluate ethical responses and construct reasoned arguments on business issues.	consequences, and duty.	
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