



# Bournville School Curriculum Overview



## Curriculum Intent Statement: Philosophy and Ethics

The Philosophy and Ethics lessons at Bournville School give students the opportunity to explore beliefs and religions different to their own and for some students it is a way of learning more about their own religion. Each of the 6 major world faiths are explored through: beliefs, practices and ethical application. Non-religious attitudes are also explored through atheism generally and humanism specifically. Through this knowledge students explore the Fundamental British values of 'Individual liberty' by looking at their own religion, and 'Mutual respect and tolerance' by looking at the religions of others, and key beliefs from them. By focussing not only on the 6 main faiths but also other beliefs students are able to explore their 'Spirituality' and link it to how they behave and treat others.

As there is no national curriculum for RS, the lessons are planned around the Birmingham Agreed Syllabus, local needs, and issues that may arise in the public eye. By looking at the needs of the students it is hoped that the curriculum will work with other subjects to help students understand and practice the tolerance and understanding we expect in our school.

### SUBJECT: Philosophy & Ethics - Core

	THEME	AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2
		THE BIG QUESTIONS	THE BIG QUESTIONS	THE BIG QUESTIONS	THE BIG QUESTIONS	THE BIG QUESTIONS	THE BIG QUESTIONS
YEAR 11	<b>Core RS The big questions?</b>	<b>What is Philosophy?</b> Historical philosophy and the questions with no answers.	<b>Peace &amp; Justice</b> What is peace and justice?	<b>Human Rights</b> Is it ever right to restrict human rights?	<b>Human Rights</b> Is inequality preventable?	<b>Exams focus</b>	<b>Exams focus</b>
YEAR 10	<b>Short course GCSE</b>	<b>Component 1 Relationships</b> What is the nature and purpose of relationships in the 21 <sup>st</sup> century?	<b>Component 1 Relationships</b> How are same sex relationships and gender roles viewed by different beliefs and teachings?	<b>Component 1 Life and death</b> How was the universe created?	<b>Component 1 Life and death</b> What is the value of human life?	<b>Component 1 Life and death</b> What happens when we die?	<b>Component 2 Christianity – beliefs and teachings</b> How was life created? What is the importance of Jesus to Christians?
YEAR 9	<b>Personal conviction</b>	<b>Key Figures</b> Who was Gandhi and what made him fight?	<b>Key Figures</b> Who is Malala and who is she fighting for?	<b>Key Figures</b> Who was Malcolm X and what events lead him to change?	<b>Key Figures</b> Contemporary individuals, demonstrating strong personal convictions	<b>Key Figures</b> Who was Martin Luther King Jnr. And What was his dream?	<b>Key Figures</b> Who will you aspire to be?
YEAR 8	<b>Questions of Philosophy</b>	<b>Belief in God</b> Does God exist?	<b>Belief in God</b> How can God and evil both exist?	<b>Why do we suffer?</b> What does religion do to ease suffering?	<b>What is ethics?</b> Where do our morals come from?	<b>Ethics through history</b> What problems are there in the world and what causes them?	<b>Modern ethics</b> How is ethics being used in the modern world?
YEAR 7	<b>The Six World Faiths</b>	<b>World Faiths</b> What is religion? Hinduism What are the main Hindu beliefs, festivals, rules and practices?	<b>World Faiths</b> Judaism What are the main Jewish beliefs, festivals, rules and practices?	<b>World Faiths</b> Buddhism What are the main Buddhist beliefs, festivals, rules and practices?	<b>World Faiths</b> Christianity What are the main Christian beliefs, festivals, rules and practices? Links between Abrahamic religions	<b>World Faiths</b> Sikhism What are the main Sikh beliefs, festivals, rules and practices?	<b>World Faiths</b> Islam What are the main Muslim beliefs, festivals, rules and practices? Are there links between religions?

## GCSE RS

	AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2
	THE BIG QUESTIONS	THE BIG QUESTIONS	THE BIG QUESTIONS	THE BIG QUESTIONS	THE BIG QUESTIONS	THE BIG QUESTIONS
YEAR 11	<b>Component 3 Islam – beliefs and teachings</b> How does Islam view the nature of Allah Why are prophets important? How do Sunni and Shi'a Muslims differ? What happens after death?	<b>Component 3 Islam – beliefs and teachings</b> What are the foundations of faith?  <b>Islam – practices</b> How do Muslims practice their faith?	<b>Component 3</b> What role do festivals have in Islam? What are the practices of Islam in Britain?	<b>Revisit content from lockdown</b> Relationships Life and death	<b>Exam preparation work</b>	



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