

Subject	Year	Term
Religious Education	12	Autumn
Topic		
Utilitarianism		
Content (Intent)		
Prior Learning (Topic) Yr12 Situation Ethics		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utility • The hedonic calculus • Act utilitarianism • Rule utilitarianism • Preference utilitarianism • Consideration of issues raised by utilitarianism, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - whether or not utilitarianism provides a helpful method of moral decision-making - whether or not an ethical judgement about something being good, bad, right or wrong can be based on the extent to which, in any given situation, utility is best served - whether or not it is possible to measure good or pleasure and then reach a moral decision 		
Future Learning (Topic) Yr12 Natural Moral Law, Yr12 Euthanasia, Yr12 Business Ethics, Yr13 Sexual Ethics		
How will knowledge and skills be taught? (Implementation)	How will your understanding be assessed & recorded (Impact)	
<p>This topic will involve a large array of pedagogy and include, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher led lesson content • Group and independent quizzes • Independent research • Seminar style discussions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam style essay marked against the exam criteria with written and verbal feedback. • Homework. Marked and feedback given. • Verbal responses. Individual and class feedback given. 	
How can parents help at home?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussing the ideas and content at home, especially focusing on incorporating the key ethical terms into vocabulary. • Watch and discuss the videos on the section for this topic on the VLE. 		
Helpful further reading/discussion		
Reading	Vocabulary Lists	Careers Links
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any of the texts on the KS5 reading list on the Philosophy Fortnight section of the VLE. • Textbook pages on the Utilitarianism section of the VLE. • Bentham, J. (1789) <i>An Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation</i> • Mill, J.S. (1863) <i>Utilitarianism</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principle of utility/greatest happiness • Deontological • Teleological • Hedonic/felicific calculus • Consequentialism • Hedonistic • Quantitative • Qualitative • Act utilitarianism • Rule utilitarianism • Preference utilitarianism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lawyer • Clergy • Public services • Teacher or lecturer • Politician

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Singer, P. (1993) <i>Practical Ethics</i>, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press• Pojman, L. (2012) <i>Discovering Right and Wrong</i>, Stamford: Wadsworth, Chapter 7		
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