Subject	Year	Term
Religious Education	12	Autumn

Topic

Normative Ethics - Natural Moral Law

Content (Intent)

Prior Learning (Topic) GCSE Christianity, GCSE war and peace, yr12 Situation Ethics

- The precepts
- Telos
- The four tiers of law (Eternal, Divine, Natural, Human)
- The principle of double effect
- Consideration of the issues raised by Aquinas' theory of natural law, including:
- whether or not natural law provides a helpful method of moral decision-making
- whether or not a judgement about something being good, bad, right or wrong can be based on its success or failure in achieving its *telos*
- whether or not the universe as a whole is designed with a *telos*, or human nature has an orientation towards the good
- whether or not the doctrine of double effect can be used to justify an action, such as killing someone as an act of self-defence

Future Learning (Topic) Yr12 Utilitarianism, Yr12 Euthanasia, Yr12 Business Ethics, Yr13 Sexual Ethics

How will knowledge and skills be taught? (Implementation)	How will your understanding be assessed & recorded (Impact)
This topic will involve a large array of pedagogy and include, but not limited to: • Teacher led lesson content • Group and independent quizzes • Independent research • Seminar style discussions	• 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?

- 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

- Any of the texts on the KS5 reading list on the Philosophy Fortnight section of the VLE.
- Textbook pages on the Natural Moral Law section of the VLE.
- Aquinas, *Summa Theologica* I-II 93-9

Vocabulary Lists

- Deontological
- Telos
- Natural law
- Synderesis
- Secondary precepts
- Primary precepts
- Practical reason
- Eudaimonia

Careers Links

- Lawyer
- Clergy
- Public services
- Teacher or lecturer
- Politician