



Philosophy, Religion and Ethics in Key Stage 3

Year 7			
Term	Topic	Content Learnt	High Performing Students will:
1	What is PRE?	<p>Discuss what Philosophy is – We'll look at some of the questions Philosophers ask: What is the nature of reality? What does it mean to a 'person'?</p> <p>Discuss what ethics is and why it's complicated.: looking at several different stories that ask ethical questions and exploring different opinions about what it means to do the 'right thing'</p>	<p>Watch these introductory crash course videos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1A_CAKyt3GY&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtNgK6MZucdYldNkMybYIHKR&index=2 • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKEhdsnKKHs&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtNgK6MZucdYldNkMybYIHKR&index=3 • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-wrCpLJ1XAw&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtNgK6MZucdYldNkMybYIHKR&index=4 <p>Read this and other articles on Philosophy Foundation Website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.philosophy-foundation.org/what-is-philosophy
2	How should we live together?	<p>Student will role play the story of a crash landing on a deserted island</p> <p>They will develop a community on the island based on the choices they make: creating a culture and community governed by the rules they choose.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read <i>Lord of The Flies</i> by William Golding • Watch BBC news or Panorama. Think about how at we're covering in class applies the issues you see discussed. • Watch discussion in Parliament to compare how changes to the law and society are debated by lawmakers.
3	How did the world begin?	<p>We will look at three distinct ideas about the origin of the universe and examine how they link together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One classical creation myth. • The Creation Story in Genesis • Scientific understanding of the creation of the universe. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research a variety of creation stories. Good places to start are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.bbc.com/teach/class-clips-video/religious-education-ks3-a-z-of-religion-and-beliefs-c-is-for-creation-stories/zvfp382 • https://learninglab.si.edu/collections/origin-stories-from-around-the-world/m45wVnFtvJM6b5xm • Research and retell the following creation stories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ancient Egyptian Creation Myth • The Kono creation myth • The Mayan creation myths

4	What is really in the Bible?	<p>We will explore stories from the Bible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam and Eve • The Good Samaritan • The Two Builders • The Rich man and Lazarus • The Prodigal Son 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with the original texts themselves. Digital copies of the bible are available at: https://www.biblegateway.com/ • Read the books in the <i>Chronicles of Narnia</i> series to help widen their understanding of Christian Ideas. • Explain the storied in a modern context. • Watch the videos in the <i>How to Read the Bible</i> series made by the Christian group The Bible Project for an accessible, in-depth look at what the Bible is: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLH0Szn1yYNedn4FbBMMtOIGN-BPLQ54IH
5	What happens in a place of worship?	<p>The importance of places of worship to believers The key features of a church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Font • Alter • Pulpit • Canterbury Cathedral • Protestant/Catholic church decorations • Greek Orthodox Icons <p>The key features of a mosque</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minaret • Mihrab • Minbar • Calligraphy • Imam • Prostration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit local places of worship, possibly also going to the Priory Ruins in Lewes to see historical places of worship. • Read some of the linked articles to gain a wider context: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/oct/22/churches-survive-church-of-england-religion-buildings • https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/dlsg-places-worship/heag124-places-of-worship-lsg/ • Use the Muslim Council of Britain's website to find out more about Mosques in the UK: https://mcb.org.uk/
6	Philosophy Toolkit	<p>We will focus on some of the key philosophical ideas that have shaped philosophical thinking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Elephant Story • The Heinz Dilemma • The Trolley Problem • Ockham's Razor • The Happiness Machine • The Cow in the Field • The Ship of Theseus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read <i>Sophie's World</i> by Jostein Gaarder

Year 8			
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1	Is it possible God exists?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pascal's Wager • Paley's Watch • The Cosmological argument • Problem of Evil • The Free Will Defence • Augustinian Theodicy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read books in the <i>His Dark Materials</i> series, by Phillip Pullman. • Discuss with friends and family who believe in a God what the reasons for their belief in a respectful way and what stories from their faith are important. • Research other reasons people claim God exist. • Watch Crash Course videos: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FmTsS5xFA6k • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TgisehuGOyY • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7e9v_fsZB6A • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gs_gY1K1AMU • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9AzNEG1GB-k • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S93jMOqF-oE&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtNgK6MZucdYldNkMybYIHKR&index=16
2	Do the ends justify the means?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilitarianism • The Hedonic Calculus • Applications of the Hedonic Calculus • Criticisms of Utilitarianism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch the Crash Course video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-a739VjqdSI&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtNgK6MZucdYldNkMybYIHKR&index=38&t=0s • Listen to the Radio 4 In <i>Our Time</i> episode on Utilitarianism: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kdqxUn7A6kk • Read some of the following articles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/belief/2011/may/13/utilitarianism • https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/belief/2011/may/25/peter-singer-utilitarianism-climate-change
3	Do you have a duty to be good?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deontology • Immanuel Kant • The Categorical Imperative • Universalizability • Applications of the Categorical imperative • Criticisms of the Categorical Imperative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch the Crash Course video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8blys6JoEDw&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtNgK6MZucdYldNkMybYIHKR&index=37&t=0s • Listen to the Radio 4 In <i>Our Time</i> episode on Kant: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q5BrCf6YOaY • Read some of the following articles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/belief/2011/may/25/peter-singer-utilitarianism-climate-change • https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/sep/17/immanuel-kant-philosophical-argument-shot

4	<p>How have people in the past shaped people's faith today?</p>	<p>We will examine the lives of three major religious leaders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key events in the life of Jesus • Christian doctrine on the Crucifixion of Jesus • Muhammad's early life • The Hijrah • The life of Buddha • Enlightenment/Bodhi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch the videos in the <i>Gospel</i> series made by the Christian group The Bible Project for an accessible, in-depth look at what the Bible says about Jesus: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLH0Szn1yYNec6O3ZOZzAMb2WW2abJwzZ- • Read the <i>Gospel of Luke</i>: https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+1&version=GN • Read the biography of Muhammad: https://www.biography.com/religious-figure/muhammad • Follow the BBC iWonder on the Life of the Buddha: https://www.bbc.com/timelines/zg8c9j6
5	<p>Are 2400-year-old teachings still relevant?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ring of Gyges • Plato's cave • Plato's theory of forms • Aristotle: four causes • Plato and Aristotle's ideas about the Soul • Epicurus's philosophy of happiness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read books giving a context for Ancient Greece. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Groovy Greeks</i> in the <i>Horrible Histories</i> series • Books from the <i>Percy Jackson Series</i>. • Any available books on Greek Mythology • Watch the following Crash Course videos: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PrvtOWEXDIQ&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtNgK6MZucdYldNkMybYIHKR&index=39 • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rh0fxJkV44 • Read some of the linked articles for context: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.open.edu/openlearn/history-the-arts/culture/philosophy/thinkers/the-death-socrates?in_menu=295128 • https://www.huffpost.com/entry/why-plato-is-still-relevant-4892797?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2x1LmNvLnVrLw&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAACI2t6jD9utkB5AMfX0FVaQ-j0d9ZvWnYu60G-Rg0d6IZYk8sdV4L5jfLqYoSSpTJsLgW0lvkjw2TGsEjd1eKVytnW942D5GdyyMjt_fDz29OgroYYtBtOZIVCYLhYNmugkasNpiF4GzrdLhgl_AYsbNDVdUovXcVmjs50j7nRe3
6	<p>How do Hindus experience the world?</p>	<p>The Journey of Life:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth and childhood • The Sacred Thread • Marriage • Old age • Death <p>Hindu belief:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brahman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will watch the video series: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-yJM5jjhil&list=PLcvEcrsF_9zLN3DARB_4G8Y5EHbSTRLDL • Read articles from news sources about Hinduism: https://www.theguardian.com/world/hinduism • Explore the Hindu Forum of Britain to find out more about Hinduism work in Britain: http://www.hfb.org.uk/

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Samsara/reincarnation• Dharma (duty to do what is just)• Ahimsa (non-violence) <p>Holy books:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shastras• Vedas• Upanishads <p>The goal of Hinduism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Samsara• Moksha <p>Practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meditation• The Namaste greeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read this article on Hinduism's rich history: https://www.history.com/topics/religion/hinduism• Listen to this episode of Beyond Belief on women in Hinduism (it starts at 01:18): https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01mhn3• This article also offers an interesting look at Hinduism's impact on films: https://www.theguardian.com/film/2014/dec/25/movies-embraced-hinduism
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Year 9			
Term	Topic	Content Learnt	High Performing Students will:
1	Philosophy of Religion	Plato's rationalism Aristotle's empiricism Descartes' scepticism Freud's criticism of religion Marx's understanding of religion] Development of modern atheist thought	Watch these introductory crash course videos: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rh0fxJkvL44 • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MLKrmw906TM Read this and other articles on Philosophy Foundation Website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.philosophy-foundation.org/what-is-philosophy
2	Modern Ethical issues	Nietzsche's understanding of nihilist ethics. The Banality of Evil and Hannah Arendt. The question of mind and body. Animal rights movements The increased dependence on AI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read <i>Eichmann in Israel</i> by Hannah Arendt • Read <i>Meditations</i> by Descartes • Research Peter Singer and his attitude to veganism
3	Islam - Practices	The five pillars of Islam Key Muslim Festivals Places of Worships in Islam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research different approaches to Practicing Islam • Read: <i>Follow Me, Akhi: The Online World of British Muslims</i> by Hussein Kesvani.
4	Christian Practices	Core Christian practices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communion • Worship • Baptism Work and layout of churches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit local places of worship • Read <i>Mere Christianity</i> by C. S. Lewis • Research the different types of Christian Denominations
5	Sociology of Religion	Durkheim's understand of the sacred and the profane Marxist approaches to religion. Liberation theology Relevance of religion to the UK today.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research religions in the news. • Watch the following videos to introduce yourself to the idea of sociology of religion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://youtu.be/yIXVn-wh9eQ • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gR3igiwaeyc • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plgb-3e8CWA
6	Modern Ethical Dilemmas	Religious and philosophical approaches to the following issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abortion • Medical testing on animals • Euthanasia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep up to date with the news • Research different religious approaches modern ethical issues.