




St Richard Reynolds Catholic High School

SUBJECT: RE YEAR GROUP: 12	
TOPICS COVERED: Ethics	
PROGRAMME OF STUDY	METHOD OF ASSESSMENT
Normative Ethical Theories <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Deontological: Aquinas' natural moral law, principle of double effect, proportionalism● Teleological: Fletcher's situation ethics● Character Based: Aristotle's virtue ethics● Application of Theories: theft, lying	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Keyword test● AO1 and AO2 Questions
Issues of Human Life and Death <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Embryo Research, Cloning and Designer Babies● Abortion● Voluntary Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide● Capital Punishment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Keyword test● AO1 and AO2 Questions
Issues of Animal Life and Death <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Animals as Food and Intensive Farming● Scientific Procedures and Cloning● Blood Sports● Use for Organ Transplants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Keyword test● AO1 and AO2 Questions

<p>Introduction to Meta-Ethics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divine Command Theory • Strengths and Weaknesses of Divine Command Theory • Naturalism: Bentham and Mill • Strengths and Weaknesses of Naturalism • Non-Naturalism: Moore • Strengths and Weaknesses of Non-Naturalism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyword test • AO1 and AO2 Questions
<p>Free Will and Moral Responsibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conditions of Moral Responsibility: free will and telling right from wrong • Extent of Moral Responsibility: libertarianism, hard determinism and compatibilism • Relevance of Moral Responsibility to Reward and Punishment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyword test • AO1 and AO2 Questions
<p>Conscience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Religion Views on Conscience: Freud and Durkheim • Religious Views on Conscience: Aquinas and Butler • Conscience and Moral Decision Making: telling lies, breaking promises and adultery • Value of Conscience as a Moral Guide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyword test • AO1 and AO2 Questions
<p>Bentham and Kant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeremy Bentham • Immanuel Kant • Consistency with Religious Moral Decision Making 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyword test • AO1 and AO2 Questions
<p>Key Skills: Develop, retell, explain, analyse, describe, recognise, construct arguments, recognise diversity, interpret, make reasoned judgements, make links/connections</p>	