

RELIGION AND WORLDVIEWS



ALDER
Community High School

YEAR 9

Does religion help us to be good?		
Autumn	Overview: • Defines ethics and morality, contrasting absolute and relative moral frameworks. • Introduces philosophical theories, including Utilitarianism and Aristotle's Virtue Ethics. • Explores religious approaches to moral codes and social action, including Sikh teachings on Sewa and Christian biblical principles of charity. • Evaluates how religious and secular ethical guidelines influence human behaviour.	Key Vocabulary 1. Morality 2. Ethics 3. Sewa 4. Charity 5. Absolute morality 6. Relative morality 7. Utilitarian Theory 8. Virtue Ethics 9. Ethical Codes 10. Fundamentalist
	Career Links: Corporate Governance, Business Ethics, CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility), Healthcare Ethics.	



Do we need to prove God's existence?		
Spring	Overview: - Evaluates classical arguments for God's existence: Paley's Teleological argument and the Cosmological argument. - Explores arguments for and against miracles as potential evidence for divine intervention. - Examines scientific explanations of origins through evolution by natural selection. - Contrasts literalist creationist perspectives with theistic evolution and humanist viewpoints.	Key Vocabulary - Teleological Argument - Cosmological Argument - Miracle - Evolution - Humanist - Atheist - Agnostic - Literal Creation - Theistic evolution - Infinite regression
	Career Links: Science Communication, Academic Writing, Research & Development, Philosophical Research.	



Why is there suffering? Are there any good solutions?	
Summer	Overview: • Distinguishes between moral evil caused by human action and natural evil beyond human control. • Analyses the Inconsistent Triad and why suffering leads some people toward atheism. • Explores Christian explanations for suffering, including free will, original sin, and the story of Job. • Examines Buddhist teachings on the Four Sights, enlightenment, and overcoming the Three Poisons. Career Links: Clinical Psychology, Bereavement Counselling, Mental Health Advocacy, Humanitarian Aid.
	Key Vocabulary 1. Suffering 2. Moral evil 3. Natural evil 4. Omnipotent 5. Omniscient 6. Omnibenevolent 7. Inconsistent Triad 8. Original sin 9. Three poisons 10. Transcendent