Subject: Philosophy and Ethics (Edexcel RS)

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This course covers: The Edexcel specification B Religious studies course uses themes of philosophy and ethics combined with the religions of Christianity and Judaism to cover a variety of topics -

YEAR 1: Judaism (Paper 2F)

Jewish Belief

Living the Jewish Life

Studied in the context of philosophical and ethical topics such as:

Crime and Punishment

Peace and Conflict

YEAR 2: Christianity (Paper 1B)

Christian Belief

Living a Christian Life

Studied in the context of philosophical and ethical topics such as:

Matters of life and death.

Marriage and the family.

Beliefs in Action Victor W. Watton Robert H. Stone Control of the Control of the

Beliefs in Action – Spec B Hodder Education ISBN - 978-1471866593

The teachers say: We love teaching this course because:

"...the similarities and differences between Judaism and Christianity are fascinating to analyse" (Mrs Martin)

" its amazing to see how much of religious life has impacted our everyday understanding of key events in society such as laws around marriage, arguments around the death penalty and even medical decisions!" (Miss Powell)

The students say: We enjoy this course because:

"Philosophy and Ethics is an amazing subject as it helps people to open their minds to important life questions...The teachers at CNS are inspiring and always encourage our ideas" (Amelie)

"I like RE because I get to learn about other cultures and I love how interactive the lessons are" (Eviuta)

What future pathways might be open to me if I study Philosophy and Ethics?

Philosophy and ethics gives you a thorough understanding of diverse philosophical and ethical viewpoints. Through lively and engaging classroom discussion you have an opportunity to understand philosophical concepts, key thinkers, themes, texts and ways of thinking. It provokes challenging questions about meaning and purpose in life, beliefs about God, ultimate reality, issues of right and wrong and what it means to be human? The content we cover is varied and interesting and will offer a new perspective and encourage you to consider issues from both a religious and analytical viewpoint using creative and critical thinking. It gives you an informed understanding of political, social and moral issues.

This subject offers transferable skills such as the ability to understand the meaning of complex questions, empathy and the ability to understand people and take on board others' views. It will help you develop an independence of mind and the ability to think for yourself. These are vital skills for all employers. This subject is also useful for careers in teaching, medicine, politics, counselling, charity work and the civil service.

Our recommended Revision Resources:

Revision resources can be found by following this link to SharePoint - GCSE Revision

The folder contains:

- Past papers and mark schemes
- Knowledge organisers
- In house revision guide
- Sources of authority lists

