

Swavesey Village College

Ethics Department

The Ethics Department is a successful and dynamic department in the school, teaching all pupils from Year 7 through to Year 10. We always seek to make the subject relevant and exciting, preparing pupils to become responsible global citizens. We consistently share best practice and resources to ensure high quality teaching and learning. There are projectors and speakers in all Humanities classrooms and we use PowerPoints alongside video clips and a range of other resources to structure our lessons. All lessons are on the shared drive.

Philosophy - We teach all pupils from Year 7 to Year 10 so we pride ourselves on building respectful and trusting relationships with pupils as they grow through the school. Ethics is a challenging, stimulating and exciting subject that deals with some of life's biggest questions and moral dilemmas. Pupils learn how to put forward arguments in creative and respectful ways, while listening to and valuing others' opinions and viewpoints.

Ethics at Key Stage 3 –The curriculum incorporates skills necessary for success at Key Stage 4 and beyond. It is our intention that all students enjoy Ethics thus achieve their potential as they move through the key stages.

Ethics at Key Stage 4 – All pupils study Ethics at KS4, following the **AQA Religious Studies A** specification. This consists of two papers: a Religions paper and a Thematic paper. The two religions studied are Christianity and Buddhism, and the four themes studied are Peace and Conflict, Crime and Punishment, Religion and Life, and Human Rights and Social Justice. Exams are sat at the end of Year 10, allowing the opportunity for a retake in year 11 should pupils wish to. **Last summer 80% of our students achieved grades A*-C, with 41% achieving A/A*.**

Outside the Classroom – The Humanities department offers a range of trips, both in the UK and abroad, including California, New York and Washington, Iceland, the Battlefields in Belgium, Duxford Air Museum, Eden Project and Warwick Castle. We also offer a range of catch up, homework, revision and intervention clubs and sessions after school.

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