

Studying Religion in Focus Ethics & Philosophy under the Microscope

A unique one-day conference for senior students of Religious Studies with

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*designed to enthuse and extend, building subject skills and knowledge
to maximise performance in exams and beyond.*

Topics include...

- ✓ **How do Catholics make moral decisions? Contraception, Abortion & Euthanasia** This session will examine the **Natural Law** tradition in ethics, from its beginnings in the Philosophy of Aristotle to modern approaches. It will explain how and why the Roman Catholic Church uses Natural Law and will explore the connection between Church teaching on contraception, abortion and euthanasia and the underlying philosophy. Resources include notes, questions, activities and video-clips from **Dr Bernard Hoose**.
- ✓ **Islam & Ethics: Assisted Reproduction** This session will examine a major contemporary ethical questions arising from assisted reproduction (including surrogacy, IVF, PGD and the use of embryos in research) and will explain the Islamic approach to making decisions, comparing and contrasting it with Christian approached. A video lecture from **Professor Tariq Ramadan** and clips of **Lord Alton** and **Baroness Warnock** will be made available to participating teachers.
- ✓ **The Problem of Evil & Suffering** This session will examine the philosophical and pastoral problems created by the existence of evil and suffering for believers in one God, and for Christians and Jews in particular. Resources include an editable **PowerPoint** & notes designed to support teachers in taking students further into this topic.
- ✓ **Utilitarianism: Justice & Violence** This session will examine utilitarianism as an ethical theory, from its origins to modern approaches. Examples of how utilitarianism operates will be drawn from the topics of crime & punishment and war and resources include full student-notes on the topic, with accompanying questions and activities, and a **video-introduction** to the topic.
- ✓ **Study skills and exam tips**

Early Spring 2012

Truro (Truro High School)
Friday 27th January
Darlington (Carmel School)
Monday 30th January
Leeds (Gateways School)
Tuesday 31st January
Carlisle (Trinity School)
Wednesday 1st February

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