



ETHICS

Matters



Sixth Form Religious Education Day
With Dr Peter Vardy

Bespoke Event



Dr. Peter Vardy was Vice Principal of Heythrop College, University of London (1999-2011); he is internationally well-known as a leader in the fields of Religious Studies, Philosophy and Ethics and Values Education. Peter's many books – including the best selling "Puzzle of" series for HarperCollins – demonstrate his ability to communicate complex ideas with clarity, accuracy and humour. For more than three decades schools and colleges have looked to Peter to provide outstanding conferences, resources and CPD / INSET, both to support their work in RS and Philosophy and more broadly.



"Ethics Matters" is a face-to-face bespoke event designed to support general Religious Education in the Sixth Form.

Combining pacy, engaging lectures with activities, discussions and debates, "Ethics Matters" helps students to understand and think through their responses to some of the hottest hot-button issues confronting our society today. In each lecture, a range of religious perspectives will be outlined and explained, along with non-religious perspectives and students will be encouraged to evaluate these perspectives, considering which they agree with and why.

Schools will be provided with a .pdf resource booklet to duplicate and distribute to each student at the beginning of the event, so that students can fill it in as they go and have a useful record of what they have done for their files and a basis for follow-up discussions and activities.

Sessions include:

1. Genetics

The first lecture will explore the fast-developing world of genetics. Since CRISPR was unveiled in 2012 a whole world of new possibilities have opened up, ranging from "healthy" cooking oil to fry chips (made from genetically edited plants) through to editing the genomes of embryos to create babies immune to HIV. Nevertheless, as the saying goes, just because we can do something doesn't mean we should... so, what are the moral objections to tampering with genetics and should we be worried? This session will conclude with an activity and a Q&A session.

2. Fertility

According to NICE and the NHS 1 in every 7 heterosexual couples now have difficulty conceiving, and rates of infertility are rising. This second lecture will explore the current state of fertility treatment before opening up the ethical questions surrounding this whole area, ranging from who should fund treatment through to whether commercial surrogacy should be legalised. This session will end with a debate.

3. Artificial Intelligence

The third lecture will turn to Artificial Intelligence and its potential for changing everything from the way we surf the internet and browse netflix to the way we drive and even how countries wage wars. Is artificial intelligence a threat to humanity? Will it lead to mass unemployment? This session will conclude with an activity and a Q&A session.

4. An Aging Population

Despite the ravages of COVID19 average life expectancy across the UK rose by 0.15% last year to 81.5 years. Putting that in context, life expectancy in 1921 was 57.6 years. While this is great news on many levels, it has and will continue to cause problems; projections suggest that by 2050, 25% of the UK population will be over 65! The final lecture will open up the implications of our aging population for a whole range of issues ranging from politics and taxation through NHS funding and debates over paying for social care and assisted dying, considering whether human life is sacred and should be preserved and extended at all costs, or whether its value depends to an extent on its quality. This session will conclude with a group discussion.

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To Book

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