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ETHICS & VALUES

COURSE GUIDE 2017

“Three things cannot be long hidden:
the sun, the moon, and the truth.”

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Ethics & Values

What is Ethics and Values at Carmel?

Ethics and Values is the General RE Programme at Carmel. Every student has one, forty-five minute lesson a week delivered by specialist teachers.

The key aims of Ethics and Values are;

- To support the college ethos, based within the Gospel values
- To ensure every student at Carmel has the opportunity to explore and examine ethical issues and wider world problems
- To encourage skills of communication, reasoning, reflection and debate
- To encourage students to develop as a 'whole person'
- To provide opportunities for social, moral, spiritual and cultural education to underpin and support the remainder of their academic studies.



The Ethics and Values department plays a central role in the education of all students at Carmel College. The department also runs and provides students with opportunities to get involved in cross-college events including charity events and theme days, such as One World Day. We also have specifically designed rooms which can open up to accommodate guest speakers from different organisations to enhance the learning experience and understanding of our students. We have close links with local charities such as Hope One World, Hope House (St Helens) and the Lasallian Developing World Project.



Our students say...

Carmel is a place of opportunity, it allows students to flourish in every aspect of the educational spectrum.

Carmel offers a level of intellectual and emotional support that is a rarity, particularly in Ethics and Values. Although at first I was unsure about studying this, it is actually one of my favourite subjects. It gives you the freedom to discuss and debate current issues and topics, paired with the exploration of conspiracy and moral and religious beliefs. It gives you the time to fuel passions and learn to listen and defend your own opinion, something that is important whether you're an artist, musician, scientist, mathematician etc. It brings real life situations into a classroom with the guidance of a teacher allowing you to come to your own conclusions and opinions on big issues that affect the world.



Jack Halslam
SFX

Studying:

Philosophy and Religion,
Government and Politics, History,
English Literature

What will I study in Ethics and Values?

In Ethics and Values, we aim to cover a wide range of topics which enable you to develop your own opinions and thinking skills.

We cover the main notable dates throughout the year such as Remembrance Day, Holocaust Memorial Day and events throughout the liturgical year. There is also a great emphasis on current events which we aim to cover through our adaptive curriculum.

How will I be assessed?

There is currently no formal assessment in Ethics and Values. However, the student workbooks are checked regularly by the teachers and each student is given personalised feedback to help improve the depth of their thinking skills. All feedback is based around Bloom's taxonomy.

Is the course accredited?

Currently the course is not accredited, other than a certificate issued by the college. We are in the process of looking in to accreditation for future years. The course however, can be used to support applications for university or jobs as many others have not had this opportunity.

What is One World Day?

One World Day is a full day event organised by the E&V team, which takes place during the first term of college. All students are off timetable for the day and are timetabled for a number of events and guest speakers. The theme each year centres on the themes of justice and equality. Guest Speakers have included; Shawn Atwood, Steve Day - comedian, Yellow House, Mike Garry - Poet, and many local charities and groups.

Our students say...

I enjoy Ethics and Values because the topics are interesting and it covers various events and issues that affect our world.

Some of the topics I have covered include: St Georges Day; A Persons Worth; Equality; Fairtrade; Important Women; Friendship. Ethics and Values lessons have a welcoming environment and everyone can have their own say.



Nathan Nuttall
Lansbury Bridge

Studying:
Foundation Learning Level 1



Holocaust Memorial Day

Our students say...

I have found Ethics and Values to be an incredibly enriching and relevant subject; I enjoy listening to different arguments, opinions and beliefs expressed by other students and my tutor.

Thanks to the relaxed and supportive atmosphere of the class I feel able to express my own opinions within class discussions. The tutors in the Ethics and Values team are approachable and friendly, they are always available for advice should anyone need it. The topics themselves are extremely relevant to what is currently going on in the news and society; they also present new topics for discussion which I haven't thought of before. The skills I have learnt within my Ethics and Values lessons have been transferable to my other subjects, particularly the way in which I can effectively express my opinions or an argument in written exams. As an enriching subject My Ethics and Values lessons help me develop my ideas as an individual and my awareness of what is going on in the world around me.



Sarah Finney
Byrchall High School

Studying:
History, English
Language, Health &
Social Care

'Ethics and Values has helped open my mind to different issues in society and has made me a lot more aware of them than I would have been without the lessons.'

'I found out new things and how people like to be referred to in society, this is important as it helps us in situations in real life.'

'The lesson gives me a greater insight in things I didn't know much about, allowing me to form my own opinions.'

'These lessons have made me think differently, to acknowledge other peoples' opinions as well as develop my own.'



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