

Ethics

Mission Statement

Ethics is a combination of PSHE and Religious Education. Both of these at Ratton are an integral part of our student curriculum. Ethics is taught by a specialist team who are aware of the importance good quality PSHE and Religious Education plays in young people's development.

Year 7

Module Title	Module Overview
PSHE How to be successful at Ratton	Students will be helped to settle into Ratton and feel more confident about the transition into secondary school. Lessons will include practical help with things like study skills and 'who do I go to' as well as issues around friends, social media and bullies. It will be based around the virtues of our school and deal directly with promoting Equal Opportunities.
PSHE Me and my friends	Students will consider issues of personal identity and how we present ourselves to others. Students look at what makes good friends. They will discuss and identify the traits of a good friend, how to handle things when friendships break up and ways of making new friends. Students also look at the influence of friends can have on and think about ways to resist peer pressure. By the end of this module students will have more developed communication skills and be more aware of the role they play in their relationships.
RS Big Questions	Students will explore the reasons why we study religion. This unit allows students to explore their own views on some ultimate questions such as 'is there a God?' and 'what happens when we die?' The topics should help students make links and connections with other people and develops their spirituality. Students should think about the reasons behind religious belief and how it impacts actions and the wider community.
PSHE Emotional and physical health	Students are given opportunities to build their emotional literacy. Students will explore their feelings and the way they can impact on others and how we can self-regulate our emotions. We will also look at how language and tone can create conflict or can be used to diffuse conflict. They will also consider how our non-verbal communication is important.
PSHE Health and safety	Students look at and assess the risks that come with greater independence, including the risks they face around their homes. They could also think about how to help and look after the safety of younger children.
RS Creation myths	Students will explore differences in world Creation stories and how these influence modern cultures and our understanding of the world around us.

	They will study 5 different creation stories in order to build respect for other cultures and faiths. Students will have the chance to creatively explore these stories and cultures through role play and writing.
PSHE diversity	Students explore issues of identity and diversity by looking at all the different styles of family we have. They will consider issues around prejudice and discrimination. They will continue to develop respectful attitudes towards all people and individual liberty.
PSHE Smoking and alcohol	Students explore the different ways smoking and alcohol is harmful to the individual and the wider community. Students will have the knowledge they need to make informed decisions about smoking and alcohol and the risks involved.
RS Moral Codes	Students will compare and contrast different sacred texts that provide a moral framework for life. Students will consider how laws and society have been influenced by different religious rules such as the 10 commandments. Students should reflect on their own moral code, what the consequences are of behaviour and whether we have a reason to be 'good people'.
RS Esther	Students will explore the meaning of a source of authority. Students will read the book of Esther and will explore the main themes within the text such as how Esther may be an inspiration for people today. This is a story that every student can connect with due to the themes of bravery, persecution and loyalty.