

# 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 8

Module Title	Module Overview
<b>RS Who was the Buddha?</b>	In this topic students will explore the birth story of Siddhattha Gotama and his upbringing. Students will go on to learn how his experience of the world influenced his thinking and his search for a solution to suffering. Students will cover the Four Noble Truths, the Five Precepts and conclude with understanding the events and beliefs around the Buddha's death.
<b>PSHE My brilliant body</b>	In this topic students explore how their bodies are changing and developing through puberty. Students will have an opportunity to discover how boys and girls bodies change during this time. We emphasise the beauty of everyone being unique and how we should respect each other. Students learn appropriate language for discussing gender and sexuality. Students will explore how smoking can damage their bodies and what the social and financial implications of smoking can be.
<b>RS The Island</b>	In this topic, students will take part in an experiential journey. Students will be taken on a cruise ship where they will be left on an island where students have to learn to survive as a new community including: moral codes/laws, governance, ceremonies such as births, marriages and funerals. They will consider the roles religion and beliefs have in these different areas.
<b>PSHE SRE What is love?</b>	During this topic students will explore how their emotions develop in relation to love. They will consider the differences between love and a crush, the effects it can have and how to deal with it. Students will learn what to expect from a good relationship and how to recognise a bad relationship. It will include aspects of sexual relationships and the law in the UK. Students will know what is meant by sexual exploitation and where to get help.
<b>RS Who was Jesus?</b>	In this topic students will have an overview of the life of Jesus. They will study his claims about being the messiah together with a sample of his parables and miracles. The topic concludes with exploring the meaning of the resurrection for Christians today.
<b>PSHE Coping with family illness</b>	Students will learn what cancer is and myths and misunderstandings associated with it. They will learn about different treatments and the impact on individuals and families.
<b>PSHE British Values</b>	Students will explore the British Values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of different religions.

<b>Comparing Jesus and the Buddha</b>	In this topic students will be investigating the similarities and difference between the birth stories of Jesus and Buddha; their teachings and beliefs about life after death.
<b>What do Hindus believe about God?</b>	In this topic we discover the concept of Brahman as the force behind the universe and how Hindus bring this alive through the many gods and goddesses they worship. Students will learn about the epic tale The Ramayana and the themes of courage, fidelity and duty.
<b>Work Related Learning</b>	Students will think about how to prepare for the world of work. This will include thinking about our values, goal and ambitions; how we present ourselves, how we talk about ourselves and how important learning is throughout our lives.