

RS	Introduction to Philosophy	Year 7	Term 1
1: What are ultimate questions?		2. Truths	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philosophy= (Greek) love of wisdom • Philosophy- explores ultimate questions with no definite answers. • Ultimate questions- are big questions that do not have an answer, they are a mystery. Examples include what happens when we die? What is the purpose of life? Is there a God? 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Truth– is a fact or belief that is accepted as true. • There are many different kinds of truths that can help people explore different answers to ultimate questions e.g. scientific, historical, moral. • Certainty -something that cannot be doubted. 	
3: Ancient Greek Philosopher- Plato		2: Philosophers- Descartes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plato –was an ancient Greek philosopher. He challenged people to look around them and ask “What is reality?”. • Allegory– a story with a hidden meaning. • Plato’s cave– Plato's famous allegory. • Illusion- something that is believed to be true or real but that is actually false or unreal. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Descartes -René Descartes was a French philosopher. • Descartes is famous for stating “I think, therefore I am.” after pondering on the question “How can we prove we exist?” • Empiricist philosophers – believe we gain knowledge through our senses. • Rationalist philosophers- believe knowledge is gained through our reason- using the mind’s rational abilities. 	
5: What is the meaning of life? Atheist response		6. What is the meaning of life? Theist response	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atheists -believe there is no creator or God and believe we exist by chance. They believe we are here because of the Big Bang and Evolution. • Humanism- (a type of atheism)- Humanism is about living a good life for the benefit of other human beings. • Humanists follow the Golden Rule ‘<i>Treat others as you would like to be treated yourself.</i>’ 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theists- believe there is a creator God and believe in the existence of God. • Agape- Christian selfless love. • Image of God- Christians believe humans are God’s greatest creation. They are precious and special who have been given a likeness to God. • Christians- believe the purpose of life is summarised in Jesus’ Greatest Commandment- “<i>Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbour as yourself.</i>” 	