Topic Overview: How Do We Know What We Know?

KS3	Year 7
Disciplinary Focus:	Philosophy
Religion Focus:	Christianity
Religion to Encounter:	
Core Question:	Can I ever know if my actions are right or wrong?
Component Questions:	What are absolute and relative morality? What are the key philosophical (and political thoughts) and methods of William of Ockham? What are the key philosophical ideas of Immanuel Kant? What are the key philosophical ideas of John Stuart Mill?
Core substantive knowledge:	The differences between absolute and relative morality and how to apply these to philosophical problems. Biographical detail about William of Ockham. An understanding of Ockham's key philosophical ideas, including scholasticism and its methods; an understanding of the idea of Ockham's razor. Biographical details about Immanuel Kant. An understanding of Kant's key philosophical and ethical ideas, especially regarding universal and absolute ethical laws. Biographical details about John Stuart Mill. An understanding of Mill's key philosophical and ethical ideas about utilitarianism.