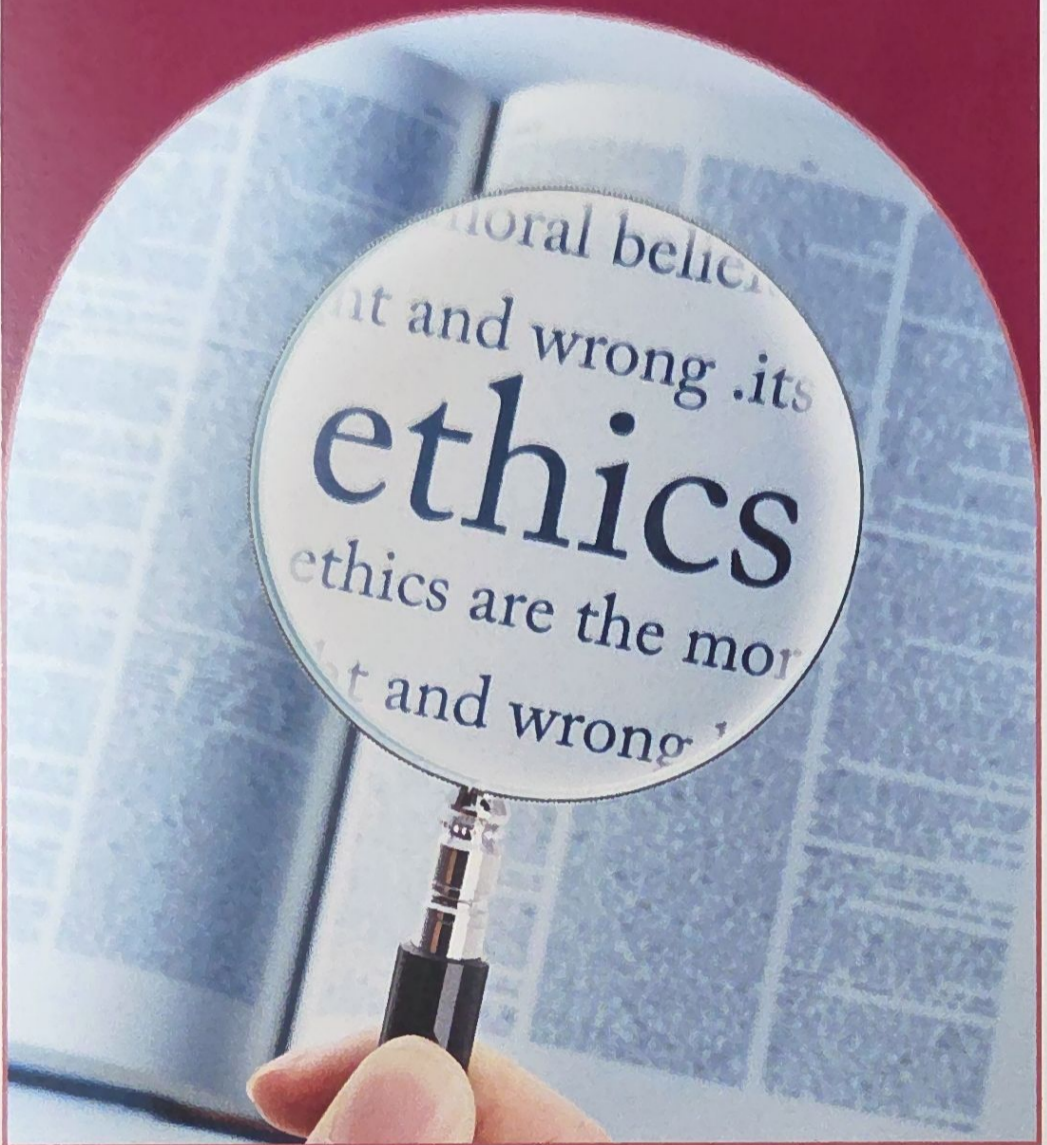
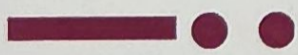


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# ETHICS: IT'S AN OPTION!



Ethics is a subject for students who like to think, question, and discuss real-life issues that matter. You will explore topics such as relationships, fairness, digital life, the environment, and new technologies like artificial intelligence. Ethics helps you develop strong thinking, communication, and decision-making skills while learning to respect different viewpoints. It prepares you for life beyond school by helping you understand yourself, others, and the world around you.



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# WHAT IS ETHICS?

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Ethics is the study of how we should live with others. It helps you explore values, rights, responsibilities, and real-life dilemmas that shape everyday choices.

By studying Ethics, you will learn how to think critically, care about others, and reflect on your actions, relationships, and role in society.

Ethics looks at important themes such as:

- Respect and human dignity
- Care for others and for animals
- Fairness and justice
- Digital behaviour and online responsibility
- New technologies, including Artificial Intelligence (AI)

# WHAT WILL YOU STUDY?

The Ethics programme follows national Learning Outcomes (EQF Levels 1-3) and includes:

## **Respect, Dignity & Relationships**

- Respecting self and others
- Ethical communication and empathy
- Abusive relationships and safeguarding
- Responsibilities toward family, community, and strangers

## **Animal Ethics & Environmental Responsibility**

- Animal rights and humane treatment
- Ethical use of animals
- Sustainable living and climate justice

## **The Value of Human Life**

- The meaning and value of life
- Self-defence and moral responsibility
- Euthanasia, assisted suicide, capital punishment
- Bioethical issues such as genetic modification and cloning

## **Society & Global Ethics**

- Justice, power, freedom, and equality
- Diversity, inclusion, and gender fairness
- Civic participation and integrity building

## **Digital Ethics & AI**

- Digital citizenship and online behaviour
- Privacy, data protection, and safety
- Ethical use of artificial intelligence

## **Religious & Secular Perspectives**

- How religions and worldviews give meaning to life
- Respectful dialogue and coexistence

# HOW WILL YOU LEARN?

Lessons are interactive and discussion-based. Activities include

- Community of Inquiry discussions
- Ethical dilemmas and case studies
- Debates and role play
- Group work and creative projects
- Reflection journals and research tasks
- Digital and game-based learning

## HOMework & ASSESSMENT

### Homework may include:

- Reflection journals
- Short research tasks
- Creative projects and presentations
- Structured worksheets

### Assessment:

#### 30% School-Based Assessment (SBA)

- Journals, discussions, presentations, research, etc.
- Reported to MATSEC at the end of Year 11

#### 70% Annual Examination

- Ethical knowledge and concepts
- Case studies and moral reasoning
- Critical analysis of dilemmas
- Answered in English or Maltese



ASSESSMENT

# SKILLS YOU CAN GAIN

- ✓ Critical and creative thinking
- ✓ Ethical decision-making
- ✓ Communication and respectful dialogue
- ✓ Empathy and perspective-taking
- ✓ Media and digital literacy
- ✓ Problem-solving and teamwork
- ✓ Responsible use of technology



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# Is ETHICS for YOU?

**You will enjoy Ethics if you:**

- ◆ Like discussing real-life issues
- ◆ Are curious about people and society
- ◆ Respect different viewpoints
- ◆ Are willing to reflect and think deeply

# WHERE CAN ETHICS TAKE YOU?

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Ethics develops skills useful for many careers, including ◆ Law and Legal Studies ◆ Psychology and Counselling ◆ Education and ◆ Youth Work ◆ Social Work and Community Services ◆ Journalism and Media ◆ Public Administration and Policy ◆ International Relations ◆ Health and Social Care ◆ AI and Digital Ethics ◆ NGOs, Governance, and Research

Ethics builds strong judgment, empathy, fairness, and communication skills for the future.

**Important Note:** Students who opt out of Religion and take Ethics are not eligible to choose Ethics as an optional subject.