

Course Title: A Taste of Philosophy – Student day/conference

About this event:

This is a student event aimed at any Y9-13 students who may not be familiar with Philosophy. As such it may be useful for Y9 RE groups prior to GCSE options, or as an enrichment event for PSHE days or cross-curricular days. The event assumes no prior knowledge and will provide students with a thought-provoking interactive series of talks to stimulate their thinking.

Students will gain:

- Awareness of the subject of Philosophy and a taste of Philosophical method
- High quality resources including lecture notes and PowerPoint slides.
- Understanding of the skills of the discipline of Philosophy including possible careers links.

Session Outlines

A typical full day event would be divided into 4 sessions. The programme below is given as an example – other topics/titles could be delivered on request.

Session 1: What is Philosophy? Meet the Family: An introduction to the subject of Philosophy through the metaphor of philosophers as an interconnected family sharing big questions, ideas and arguments. An interactive look at some of the big questions and themes.

Session 2: Dangerous Ideas 1: Is the world virtual? Beginning with Plato's cave, an exploration of Philosophers who have questioned the reality of the world. Fortunately, we will also look at those others who have answered them.

Session 3: Dangerous Ideas 2 : Is Knowledge possible? Journey with Descartes through 3 waves of doubt before discovering his famous 'I think therefore I am'. Descartes thinks he can prove God's existence and that human beings have souls. Discuss whether he is right.

Session 4: What use is Philosophy? What skills do Philosophers have and what jobs use those skills? Some research on the usefulness of this subject which may surprise you!

Delivery Options

All schools are different in terms of available time. Full day, half day or twilight options are available where a half day or twilight covers some of the above by agreement. Equally a more bespoke package tailored to the needs of the school can be delivered as required. The above package can be delivered online if this is preferred or in the event of face to face delivery not being possible.

Your trainer

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For booking or more information

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