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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Year 8 Religious Education lessons

This autumn term students in Year 8 will study some sensitive topics, as below:

- Euthanasia: different types, case studies, different ethical viewpoints, different religious viewpoints and exploring personal viewpoints.
- Genetic engineering: focusing on the issue of designer babies and saviour siblings: case studies, different ethical viewpoints, different religious viewpoints and exploring personal viewpoints.
- The ethics of human cloning, if legalised.

Be assured that these topics are handled sensitively by teaching staff and the aim is not to promote a personal viewpoint and we encourage you to discuss these issues with your child at home as well!

The RE department would like to thank you for your support. Just a reminder that in RE we cover the main religions of the world so that students have the knowledge, understanding and confidence to be global citizens who know what religion is, are sufficiently confident to express their own informed views on religion, although they may not be religious themselves. We also cover a range of ethical and philosophical issues like Human Rights, poverty, causes of crime, the problem of evil and suffering, arguments for and against God's existence, medical ethics, war, etc.

Another aim of RE is to give young people an opportunity to become aware of, learn about and evaluate the different perspectives of what are perceived to be moral issues in our modern world. This prepares our young people to face the adult world with knowledge and understanding, and also to be confident in expressing their personal views in a world of a myriad of worldviews.

If you have any concerns about your child participating in these lessons, please contact Mr Chitsakamile (Assistant Director of Humanities and Head of RE) via admin@cchs.school

Kind regards

Mr Andrew Chitsakamile

Assistant Director of Humanities and Head of RE