

# SUMMER LEARNING 2021

## PHILOSOPHY, THEOLOGY & ETHICS

The PTE programme aims to encourage the formation of the whole person and seeks to be inclusive, challenging and affirming to all, irrespective of faith or perspectives. Through reflections and discussions, we foster a community based on respect and trust where everyone feels valued. In this class, you will discuss the wider issues in life. They look at the big questions, spiritual development and how they relate to their internal and external worlds. There are no exams, no homework and no coursework in this lesson. You will also have the opportunity to gain the Stella Maris Leadership Award.

The Credo Programme – investigating what beliefs we hold, listening and examining the beliefs or world views of others. Pick one or two of the activities from the list below:

1. Read a quality newspaper such as The Guardian, The Daily Telegraph, The Times, The I. The only one that is free online is The Guardian. Read any article. Identify who wrote it, what is the article about, when was it written, where was it written and why was it written? Has the writer a particular world view? Are they trying to convince you of something?

2. Read any novel or watch a fictional drama and try to identify the virtues and vices of the main characters and their impact on them. For example:

- Harry Potter series
- The Chronicles of Narnia

3. Watch TV programmes that help you engage with different issues, such as:

- The Good Place – A good way to engage with ethical issues
- The Big Questions [ BBC ]

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4. Try brain Teasers that will test your critical thinking. You can check them out [here](#).

5. Choose a question from the list and talk to different people about it. Can you find at least 3 different ways of answering it?

- Can wealth make you happy?
- Is it always good to pursue your dream?
- If the government were selected by lottery, like a jury, would that be better or worse than by election?
- If you could take a pill that would guarantee you would never feel sad again, would you?
- Can bad things be used for good?

6. Watch the 2 minute clip from [The Tale of Desperaux](#) and consider the actions of the King, following the death of the Queen, who fainted into a bowl of soup when she saw a rat.

- What does it feel like to be blamed for something?
- How do we know if a new law is fair?
- Can colours exist with no people or other beings to see them?