Unit Title	Scientific and Medical Ethics				
Subject group and discipline	IY - EPS	MYP year	8 [unit 3]	Unit duration (hrs)	12

Inquiry: Establishing the purpose of the unit

Key concept	Related concept(s)	Global context
Change	Beliefs, Ethics, Liberty, Morality	Scientific and technical innovation

Statement of inquiry

The ethical implications of how our beliefs, sense of morality, and liberty can change in the face of scientific and technical innovation.

Inquiry questions

Factual— What do religions teach about creation? What are the arguments for and against animal testing? How does genetic engineering happen? What do religions teach about prenatal and palliative care?

Conceptual— What role should religion play in defining the ethics of scientific and medical practice?

Debatable— Should religious belief dictate how we can treat our body? Do we have the right to control our lifespan, or whether we have children?

Objectives	Summative assessment				
Learning objectives for the unit A Knowing and understanding Students develop factual and conceptual knowledge about individuals and Societies i. Using terminology in context ii. Demonstrating understanding of	Outline of summative assessment task(s) including assessment criteria: Goal: To write an editorial article arguing whether religion should define scientific and medical ethics Role: an opinion columnist Audience: newspaper readers Situation: What role should religion play in defining the ethics of scientific and medical practice?	Relationship between summative assessment task(s) and statement of inquiry: The summative assessment uses all the information discussed to present a reasoned opinion on matters of medical ethics.			

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content and concepts through descriptions, explanations and examples

C: Communicating

- i. Communicate information and ideas using appropriate style for audience and purpose
- ii. Structure information and ideas in a way appropriate to specified format.
- iii. Document sources of information using a recognized convention

Purpose: To reflect on the role of religious belief in defining ethics in medicine.

Standards and criteria:

The work must include:

- Clear reference to arguments for and against at least two of the following:
 - o Animal testing and genetic engineering
 - o Contraception and Abortion
 - o Euthanasia and palliative care
- A persuasive writing style
- Use of rhetorical techniques (for higher level answers) and consideration of the difference between broadsheet and tabloid writing

Approaches to learning (ATL) These can be listed or you could offer some explanation of how they will be developed

Thinking – students will have to think about the issues and decide how to present them

- Practise observing carefully in order to recognize problems
- Gather and organize relevant information to formulate an argument
- Recognize unstated assumptions and bias

Communication – students will have to communicate in formal writing style to entice the publisher

- Use a variety of speaking techniques to communicate with a variety of audiences
- Use appropriate forms of writing for different purposes and audiences

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