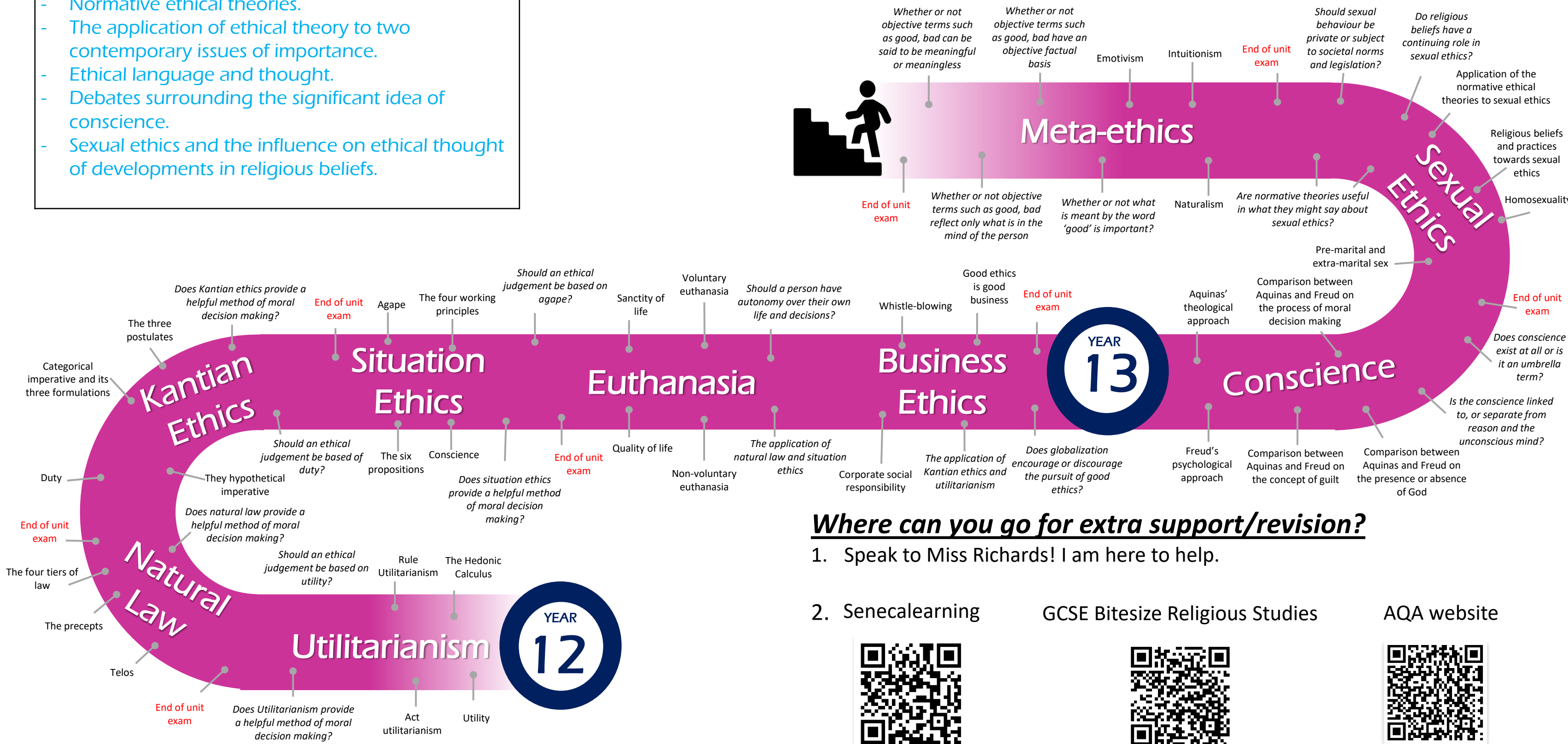# What will you be learning in A Level PRE Paper 2?

Paper 2: Religion and ethics (2 hour exam, 33.3% of final grade)

Learners will study:
- Normative ethical theories.
- The application of ethical theory to two contemporary issues of importance.
- Ethical language and thought.
- Debates surrounding the significant idea of conscience.
- Sexual ethics and the influence on ethical thought of developments in religious beliefs.

Meta-ethics
- Whether or not objective terms such as good, bad can be said to be meaningful or meaningless
- Whether or not objective terms such as good, bad have an objective factual basis
- Emotivism
- Intuitionism
- End of unit exam
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- Whether or not objective terms such as good, bad reflect only what is in the mind of the person
- Whether or not what is meant by the word 'good' is important?
- Naturalism
- Are normative theories useful in what they might say about sexual ethics?

Sexual Ethics
- Should sexual behaviour be private or subject to societal norms and legislation?
- Do religious beliefs have a continuing role in sexual ethics?
- Application of the normative ethical theories to sexual ethics
- Religious beliefs and practices towards sexual ethics
- Homosexuality
- Pre-marital and extra-marital sex

Kantian Ethics
- The three postulates
- Does Kantian ethics provide a helpful method of moral decision making?
- Categorical imperative and its three formulations
- Should an ethical judgement be based on duty?
- They hypothetical imperative
- Duty

Situation Ethics
- End of unit exam
- Agape
- The four working principles
- Should an ethical judgement be based on agape?
- The six propositions
- Conscience
- Does situation ethics provide a helpful method of moral decision making?

Euthanasia
- Sanctity of life
- Voluntary euthanasia
- Should a person have autonomy over their own life and decisions?
- End of unit exam
- Quality of life
- Non-voluntary euthanasia
- The application of natural law and situation ethics

Business Ethics
- Whistle-blowing
- Good ethics is good business
- End of unit exam
- Corporate social responsibility
- The application of Kantian ethics and utilitarianism
- Does globalization encourage or discourage the pursuit of good ethics?

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Conscience
- Aquinas' theological approach
- Comparison between Aquinas and Freud on the process of moral decision making
- End of unit exam
- Does conscience exist at all or is it an umbrella term?
- Is the conscience linked to, or separate from reason and the unconscious mind?
- Freud's psychological approach
- Comparison between Aquinas and Freud on the concept of guilt
- Comparison between Aquinas and Freud on the presence or absence of God

Natural Law
- End of unit exam
- The four tiers of law
- The precepts
- Does natural law provide a helpful method of moral decision making?
- Telos
- End of unit exam

Utilitarianism
- Rule Utilitarianism
- The Hedonic Calculus
- Should an ethical judgement be based on utility?
- Does Utilitarianism provide a helpful method of moral decision making?
- Act utilitarianism
- Utility

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Where can you go for extra support/revision?

1. Speak to Miss Richards! I am here to help.

2. Senecalearning   GCSE Bitesize Religious Studies   AQA website