

Bedford Prep School Philosophy and Ethics Competition

Responding to a Moral Dilemma in a Philosophical Way



Competition Instructions

For this competition you will need to explore the Lifeboat Dilemma (outlined on the next page) and offer a solution

This can be presented in any of the following ways:

An essay, a short reflection, a playscript, a piece of artwork, a news report (written or filmed), or even a piece of poetry. Whatever you choose needs to explore the ethical and moral considerations of the dilemma.

Remember To...

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BE CREATIVE

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HAVE FUN

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**THINK
PHILOSOPHICALLY**



Due In

5th June 2020



**Only One Person
Per Entry**



How to Submit

Please email entries to Miss Williams at lwilliams@bedfordschool.org.uk


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The Lifeboat Dilemma

Below is an outline of the Lifeboat Dilemma

Live Update: A ship has just struck an iceberg and 9 survivors are crowded into a lifeboat intended to hold 5. As a storm threatens, it becomes obvious that the lifeboat will have to be lightened to 5 people if anyone is to survive. On the boat are:

A pregnant woman

A lifeguard

Elderly war hero with medical knowledge

International cricketer

Doctor with the cure for Covid-19

Captain of the ship

Bedford School student

Philosophy teacher

Violent criminal who is ex-military

It is your job to decide what should happen and explain how you reached your decision.



There Will Be Prizes For...

1st Place - £40 voucher + philosophy book

2nd Place - £30 voucher + philosophy book

3rd Place - £20 voucher + philosophy book

Runners Up - £10 voucher

(Merits and Commendations up for grabs)

Best of Luck!

If you have any questions, please email Miss Williams.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

Argument: Does your argument make sense? Is it convincing?

Clarity: Is it clear what conclusion is being argued for? Is it clear how the conclusion is supported by factual or ethical points?

Originality: Does the argument offer something unusual or new to the debate?

