

Aspirational Vocabulary

Term	Definition
Atheism	The belief that God or gods do not exist.
Agnosticism	The belief that it is not possible to know whether God exists or not.
Humanism	A non-religious philosophy that emphasises reason, ethics, and human welfare.
Secular	Not connected with religious or spiritual matters.
Celebrant	A person who leads non-religious ceremonies, such as weddings or funerals.
Morality	Principles concerning the distinction between right and wrong or good and bad behaviour.
Rationalism	The belief that reason and evidence should form the basis of beliefs and decisions.
Empathy	The ability to understand and share the feelings of others.
Legacy	Something left behind after a person's death, such as memories or achievements.
Ceremony	A formal event, often to mark an important life moment, which may be religious or non-religious.

What is Atheism?

- Atheism is the belief that God or gods do not exist.
- Atheists often rely on science, evidence, and reason to understand the world.
- They may still have strong moral values and care deeply about others and the environment.

- The emphasis is on remembering the person's character, relationships, and legacy.

Big Questions

- 1) What do atheists and humanists believe about life and death?
- 2) How can people find meaning without religion?
- 3) What is the purpose of ceremonies for non-religious people?
- 4) How do non-religious funerals reflect the values of the person being remembered?
- 5) Can morality exist without belief in God?

What is Humanism?

- Humanism is a non-religious philosophy that values human beings, reason, and ethics.
- Humanists believe people should seek happiness and live meaningful lives by helping others.
- They reject the idea of an afterlife and focus on making the most of this life.

Non-Religious Ceremonies

- Non-religious ceremonies mark important life events without involving religious beliefs.
- Examples include baby naming ceremonies, weddings, and coming-of-age celebrations.
- Humanist celebrants often lead these ceremonies, focusing on the individual and their values.

Non-Religious Ceremonies – Funerals

- Non-religious funerals focus on celebrating a person's life rather than religious ideas of the afterlife.
- They may include music, personal readings, and tributes from family and friends.

