

# Y8 V&S: What is a Human?

## KEY WORDS:

**PERSONHOOD** – the quality of being individual or yourself

**BUDDHIST** – someone who follows the teachings of the Buddha

**CHRISTIAN** – someone who follows the religion of Christianity

**HINDU** – someone who follows the religion of Hinduism

**HUMANIST** – someone who rejects religion but believes everyone should do things to create as much happiness as possible

**INTRINSIC WORTH** - something is valuable because it is precious and important (eg, happiness and love)

**INSTRUMENTAL WORTH** – something is valuable because of what the different parts add up to (eg, a money or possessions)

**UTILITARIAN** – someone who thinks the right action is one that brings about the best consequences for the group (ie, more good than bad, happiness than suffering)

**PURPOSE** – having a direction or an aim

**FREE WILL** – the idea that humans are able to make choices freely; Christians believe that this free will is a gift from God so humans choose to do good

**UTOPIA** – an idea of a perfect world

**DYSTOPIA** – an idea of a world where everything is wrong

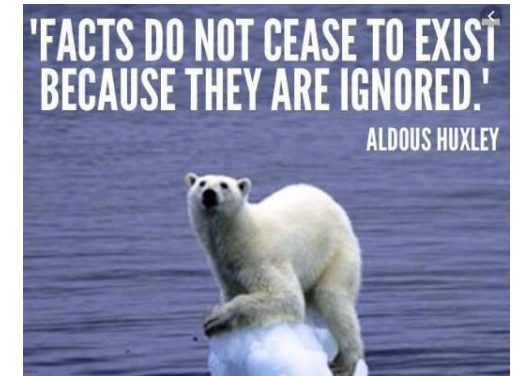
**HUMANITY** – the whole of the human race



## What does the future hold for humanity?

Greta Thunberg is a 16 year old Swedish schoolgirl who campaigns about climate change. She speaks internationally to raise awareness about the impact humans are having on the environment.

The meaning of life is whatever you ascribe it to be.  
Being alive is the meaning.  
Joseph Campbell



A **person** is a being that has certain capacities or attributes such as reason, morality, consciousness or self-consciousness, and being a part of a community or group, whether a family or a bigger society.