

Subject: **A Level Religious Studies (Philosophy & Ethics)**

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| A Level Specification studied | OCR |
| A Summer task to get you thinking about your potential new A Level... | <p><i>If you can...</i></p> <p>Read ONE of the books from those listed below*. These are not all strictly books about philosophy, but they are all good books and all contain important themes and raise perennial philosophical questions.</p> <p>If you can't get hold of any of those listed, reading <i>any other good books</i> will help to improve your comprehension skills and, importantly, your own written expression.</p> |
| Five fun learning challenges to undertake before September | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Trolley Problem – what is the problem? Is there a solution to the problem? What would you do? Ask other people what they would do. Does everyone agree? How do people justify their choices? https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02bx2hh 2. Write about something you believe in OR write about something you believe is fake? Why does this belief matter? 3. Write about something you find beautiful. It could be a picture, some words, a piece of art, music, a face, an object e.t.c. What makes it beautiful? What (if anything) does it have in common with other things that you consider beautiful? 4. Kant's Axe – Find out what Kant's axe is about. What is wrong with lying, according to Kant? Do you agree? Is there anything more important than telling the truth? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x_uUEaeqFog 5. Watch an episode of The Good Place – what ethical dilemma do you think this episode is about? What options are available to the character? What course of action should they take? Can you justify your view? |
| Something to read: | <p>*Sophie's World – Jostein Gaarder</p> <p>*The Brothers Karamazov – Fyodor Dostoevsky</p> <p>*To Kill A Mockingbird – Harper Lee</p> <p>*The Puzzle of God – Peter Vardy</p> <p>*Candide – Voltaire</p> |

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| | <p>*The Pig That Wants To Be Eaten: And 99 Other Thought Experiments – Julian Baggini</p> <p>*Mere Christianity – CS Lewis</p> <p>*Think – Simon Blackburn</p> <p>*JUST PICK ONE 😊</p> |
| <p>Something to watch / listen</p> | <p>TV & FILM (<i>just some suggestions</i>)</p> <p>The Good Place</p> <p>The Matrix</p> <p>Unorthodox</p> <p>Twelve Angry Men</p> <p>PODCASTS</p> <p>Philosophy in Prison: https://www.ted.com/talks/damon_horowitz_philosophy_in_prison?language=en#t-211178</p> |
| <p>Other useful / links for study</p> | <p>Panpsycast: https://thepanpsycast.com/episodes-by-category</p> <p>In Our Time: https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01f0vzr</p> <p>Crash Course Philosophy: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8dPuuaLjXtNgK6MZucdYldNkMybYIHKR</p> <p>The School of Life (Western Philosophy): https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwxNMb28XmpeypJMhfNBJ4RAfKrtmAN3P</p> <p>The Big Conversation: https://www.thebigconversation.show</p> <p>**Please just pick one or two podcasts from one of the sites, <u>if and wherever your curiosity takes you</u> (the list is endless!)...and PLEASE DON'T WORRY if some of the philosophy podcasts don't make much sense yet – it won't be all be <i>that</i> hard and you're only just beginning!</p> |