

OCR Religious Studies

Reading List:

General Books on Philosophy	Author	Cost
1. The Philosophy Files	Stephen Law	£1.88
2. The God Delusion	Richard Dawkins	£2.14
3. Teach Yourself Philosophy of Religion	Mel Thompson	£2.69
General Books on Ethics	Author	Cost
1. Puzzle of Ethics	Peter Vardy	£2.28
2. Ethical Studies	Robert Bowie	£2.81
3. A very short introduction to Ethics	Simon Blackburn	£2.81
General Books on Developments in Christian Thought	Author	Cost
1. Christianity – A Very Short Introduction	Linda Woodhead	£2.81
2. Teach Yourself Christianity	John Young	£2.81
Textbooks that we use		
1. OCR Religious Studies A Level Year 1 and AS Student Book	Michael B. Wilkinson, Michael Wilcockson, Hugh N.Campbell	£19.41 each
2. OCR Religious Studies A Level Year 2 Student Book		
1. Oxford A Level Religious Studies for OCR: AS and Year 1	Libby Ahluwalia and Robert Bowie	£7.95 each
2. Oxford A Level Religious Studies for OCR: Year 2		

Useful Websites:

1. OCR A Level Religious Studies: <https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/religious-studies-h173-h573-from-2016/>
2. Course Content and resources: <https://peped.org/>
3. Course Content and resources: <https://ithinkthereforeiteach.com/>
4. Course Content and resources: <http://www.philosopherkings.co.uk/>
5. Podcasts (BBC):
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/598SVYJ2smP8qJlpH29y7Vi/podcasts>
6. Podcasts (The Panpsycast) <https://thepanpsycast.com/home>
7. YouTubers: Ben Wardle
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKt35O75wlr1cEddmP_OViFwELDXoytdi
8. YouTubers: Mr MacMillan <https://www.youtube.com/user/MrMcMillanREvis>
9. YouTubers: Eddie https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqUcFn1-7AodLMy2q-R_bEQ/playlists

Films and Documentaries:

1. Netflix: 'Erin Brockovich' (Business Ethics)
2. 'Bonhoeffer: A Documentary' (Christian Moral Action)
3. 'The Truman Show' (Epistemology and Reality)
4. 'Angels and Demons' (Christian Conspiracy)
5. 'The Da Vinci Code' (Christian Conspiracy)
6. 'The Passion' (Life of Jesus)

Transition Tasks

1. Organisation

Welcome to the Religious Education A level course. Over the next two academic years you will get to engage with Philosophy, Ethics and the development in Christian Thought.

a. Task number 1: Preparing to start the course

You need to get an A4 ring binder for the topic. The course is taught in separate topics which run simultaneously with your two RE teachers: Miss Lowde and Miss Towler.

Some people choose to have a folder for each side of the course, but that's up to you!

b. Task number 2: Organising your folder

You will need file dividers to make sure your folder is always organised. This is especially important as you will have half termly folder checks with both of your teachers.

On your file dividers you will need to the following sub headings:

<u>Year 1 Ethics:</u>	<u>Year 1: Philosophy</u>	<u>Year 1: Christian thought</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Natural law• Situation ethics• Kantian ethics• Utilitarianism• Euthanasia• Business ethics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ancient philosophical influences• Soul, mind, body• Arguments based on observation• Arguments based on reason• Religious experience• The problem of evil	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Augustine's teaching on human nature• Death and the afterlife• Knowledge of gods existence• The person of Jesus Christ• Christian moral principles• Christian moral actions

2. Prime your Brain

You will start the course with Situation ethics with Miss Lowde and Ancient philosophical influences with Miss Towler.

a. To prepare for this please research and create mini fact files on:

- Aristotle
- Plato
- Joseph Fletcher
- J.A Robinson
- Rudolph Bultmann
- Augustine
- Aquinas
- Hume
- Kant

b. Making a case

You need to make a case for and against a particular issue. Philosophy and Ethics at A level will require you to make judgements about issues.

You need to create a case for and against on **one** of the following issues:

- Does God exist?
- Is there an afterlife?
- Was Jesus really the Son of God?
- Do all people go to heaven when they die?
- Should abortion be made illegal?
- Should euthanasia be made legal?

You need to write at least three paragraphs (approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 full typed A4 page – but if you like you can write more). Try to include evidence or scholars to support the points you make. Make sure that you have researched your topic and planned your written piece thoroughly. Here is a sample paragraph below – we are interested in you ARGUING your case with evidence!

Some would argue that all people do indeed go to heaven when they die. This is because of the belief that God is benevolent, all loving. In the Bible it states that 'God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.' This clearly shows that because God is benevolent His love would mean that no-one would ever go to hell when they die. Furthermore, many people would question why God would punish someone forever if He is meant to be all-loving. On the other hand, many people would argue that not all people go to heaven as some people, like Hitler, would not deserve to go there. Heaven is a place for the sinless and therefore would not make sense if Hitler went there. Additionally, many Christians would argue that faith is really important, why should all people go to heaven, they need to believe in Jesus to be able to go there which is a fundamental Christian belief.