

A LEVEL RELIGIOUS STUDIES

SUMMER TASKS

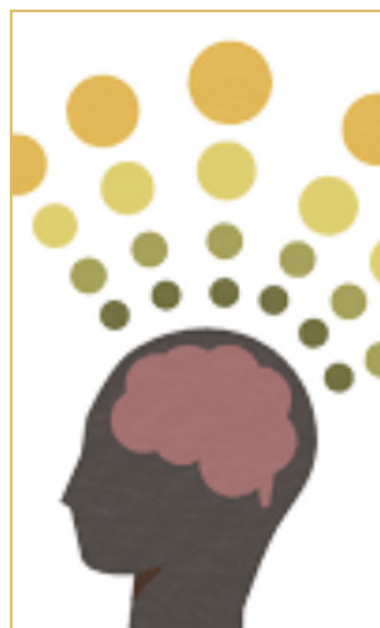
Thank you for choosing to study Religious Studies. It's a stimulating and wide-ranging course so to get you started there are a range of activities in this booklet.

The course is split into three sections:

- PHILOSOPHY
- ETHICS
- CHRISTIANITY

There are tasks for each section.

We look forward to meeting you in September!



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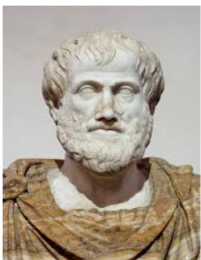
PHILOSOPHY

Find out and write down what the word Philosophy means. _____

Try to think of some 'philosophical questions' and write them down. _____

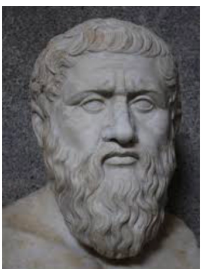
Watch the following video and write down 5 facts about Aristotle and 5 facts about Plato.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rh0fxJkvL44>



ARISTOTLE

- 1.
- 2.
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- 4.
- 5.



PLATO

- 1.
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- 5.

Do you think there are good philosophical reasons for accepting that God might exist? Write down your opinion and back it up with reasons.

TASK: Create a glossary of the following terms: inductive, synthetic, a priori, a posteriori, deductive, analytic, omnipotent, omnibenevolent, omniscient and eternal

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Read through the following BBC article:

'Why philosophers could be the ones to transform your 2020'

<http://www.bbc.com/culture/story/20200114-why-philosophers-could-be-the-ones-to-transform-your-2020>

Note down your response to it here:

Read through the following BBC article:

'Philosophy for 7 year olds'

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/6264378.stm>

Note down your response to it here:

PHILOSOPHY FURTHER RESEARCH:

An Introduction to Philosophy and Ethics by Mel Thompson

Philosophy: The Basics by Nigel Warburton

Episodes on <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01f0vzr>

https://nigelwarburton.typepad.com/philosophy_bites/

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ETHICS

Find out and write down what the word Ethics means. _____

Try to think of some 'ethical dilemmas' and write them down. _____

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

Is right and wrong the same for everyone? Give reasons for your view, and examples to illustrate it.

Where do we get our views of right and wrong from? Write down some possible sources.

Watch the following video and note down your thoughts about morals and ethics.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FOoffXFpAIU>

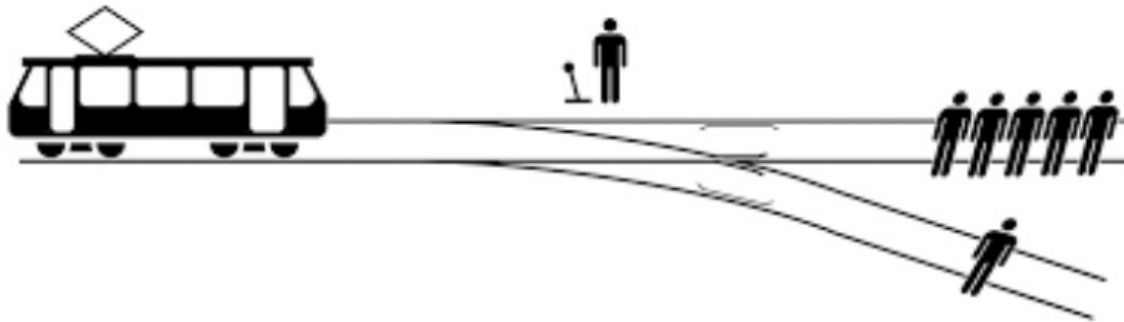
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THE TROLLEY PROBLEM

This is one of the most famous ethical dilemmas, used in classrooms around the world.

Watch the following video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bOpf6KcWYyw>



What would you do, in this situation? Explain your choice.

TASK: Choose an ethical dilemma and write reasons for and reasons against then give your personal response to it.

ETHICS FURTHER RESEARCH:

An Introduction to Philosophy and Ethics by Mel Thompson

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/ethics/guide/>

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/ethics-philosophy>

<https://thepanpsycast.com/home>

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CHRISTIANITY

1. Why was the birth of Jesus so influential?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/religious-education-ks3-a-z-of-religion-and-beliefs-j-is-for-jesus/zdgv47h>

2. What impact does the resurrection of Jesus have on Christianity today?

3. Why is the Bible important for worship in Christianity? <https://www.truetube.co.uk/film/holy-books-bible>

4. What happened to the church after Jesus died? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TG55ErfaeY>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/why-didnt-christianity-die-out-in-the-1st-century/z7vn7nb>

5. How did different denominations come about? <http://request.org.uk/life/church/denominations/>

CHRISTIANITY FURTHER RESEARCH:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/beliefs/basics_1.shtml

<https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/keywords/christianity>

<https://www.westminster-abbey.org/worship-music/christianity-some-basics>