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## 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM COLLEGE

## Philosophy, Ethics and Religious Studies Flyers Reading List/Preparation

### Where should I begin?

Familiarise yourself with the specification. This is what you will be learning for the next 2 years so it's helpful if you have an understanding of what's on the course and how it all fits together. You need to focus on sections H573/01, H573/02 and H573/03.

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/242913-specification-accredited-a-level-gce-religious-studies-h573.pdf>

### What books can I read?

- **The Puzzle of ... by Peter Vardy:** this series of non-fiction books is about issues in religion and philosophy, very readable and you don't have to be an expert to enjoy them. You can dip in and out of different chapters rather than having to start at the beginning and work through to the end.
- **The Pig That Wants To Be Eaten and 99 Other Thought Experiments by Julian Baggini:** Is it right to eat a pig that wants to be eaten? Are you really reading this book cover, or are you in a simulation? If God is all-powerful, could he create a square circle? Here are 100 of the most intriguing thought experiments from the history of philosophy and ideas - questions to leave you inspired, informed and scratching your head, dumbfounded.
- **50 Philosophy Ideas You Really Need to Know by Ben Dupré:** a series of accessible and engaging essays, this book introduces and explains the problems of knowledge, consciousness, identity, ethics, belief, justice and aesthetics that have troubled the minds of great thinkers for centuries, from the ancient Greeks to the present day.
- **Think: A Compelling Introduction to Philosophy by Simon Blackburn:** This book is about the big questions in life: knowledge, consciousness, fate, God, truth, goodness, justice. Each chapter explains a major issue, and gives a self-contained guide through the problems that philosophers have studied.

- **Christian Theology: An Introduction by Alister McGrath:** This is one of the most internationally-acclaimed Christian theology textbooks in use. The new edition (6<sup>th</sup>) features extended material and companion resources; an ideal introduction to the study of Theology.

## What can I watch?

All kinds of films and series have philosophical and religious ideas in them, so follow your own interests! You could try these, or choose something else, but try and use them as a stimulus for thinking and writing, rather than just sitting in front of them:

- The Good Place
- The Matrix
- Unorthodox
- Twelve Angry Men
- School of Life:  
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwxNMb28XmpeypJMHfNBJ4RAfRtmAN3P>
- Crash Course Philosophy:  
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8dPuuaLjXtNgK6MZucdYldNkMybYIHKR>
- Closer to truth:  
<https://www.closetotruth.com/>
- Philosophy According to Eddie:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kony59kkDNE&list=PLGCa2kw07x09m5VrQX6mYhUEh0vZdW9Ly>
- Ethics according to Eddie:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2usXntNzDk&list=PLGCa2kw07x08GKERZIKNVuBGvtgoOtCR>
- Christianity according to Eddie:
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iwJcZ2G\\_6qI&list=PLGCa2kw07x09xqujcpDDNL4zXPwlgogdF](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iwJcZ2G_6qI&list=PLGCa2kw07x09xqujcpDDNL4zXPwlgogdF)
- TED talks

These are usually wonderful, with plenty to stimulate your questioning and reasoning skills. Some favourites:

- Elizabeth Loftus – how reliable is your memory?
- Dan Gilbert – why we make bad decisions
- Richard Dawkins – militant atheism
- Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie – We should all be feminists
- Damon Horowitz – Philosophy in prison

There are loads of talks on here, so use the search engine to find topics that interest you. Practise note-taking; write notes as you listen, just as you would if you were listening to a real-life lecture, and practise the skill of jotting down key points at speed. Ask yourself questions when you get to the end: what were the speaker's key messages? Do you agree with the speaker? What might someone who disagreed say, and what might their reasons be?

## What can I listen to?

- The Panpsycast is a great podcast and can be used for wider reading homework within the course

<https://thepanpsycast.com/home>

- BBC Sounds has some great podcasts however they are quite heavy so don't worry if you get a little confused; it's a good place to stretch yourself if you want something to challenge you further.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01f0vzr?page=1>

Listen to whatever takes your interest. For RS specifically, you could concentrate on the ones below by simply searching them on BBC sounds:

- Plato's Republic
- St Thomas Aquinas
- Augustine
- The Ontological Argument
- The Soul
- Redemption
- Kant
- Relativism
- Utilitarianism
- William James

## What websites can I use?

- <https://peped.org/>
- <https://ithinkthereforeiteach.com/>
- <http://www.philosopherkings.co.uk/>

