



Religious Studies

Key skills developed in this work:

- Critical Thinking
- Investigation
- Communication
- Reflection

Research work:

The course includes an in-depth study of Christianity, alongside the study of ethics and philosophy.

To prepare for Y12 you may wish to investigate the following areas.

- **Christianity**- The Life of Jesus, The Bible, The Nature of God, Different Denominations- beliefs and practices.
- **Ethics**- Aquinas' Natural Law, Fletcher's Situation Ethics and Utilitarianism.
- **Philosophy**- the teleological, cosmological, and ontological arguments for the existence of God, theodicies and religious experience.

Website links:

<https://www.the-philosophy.com/> - has lots of information (philosophers, schools of thought, an encyclopaedia)

<https://www.youtube.com/user/schooloflifechannel> This YouTube channel has videos about important philosophers and their thoughts.

<https://www.philosophytalk.org/> - a radio programme with conversation on a wide variety of issues ranging from popular culture to our most deeply-held beliefs about science, morality, and the human condition

Appropriate additional reading:

<http://www.mackinvia.com/>

You can find the following books on the MackinVia website.

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Understanding Christianity, Bodden, Valerie

Ancient philosophy : from 600 BCE to 500 CE, Duignan, Brian

Medieval philosophy : from 500 to 1500 CE, Duignan, Brian

Modern philosophy : from 1500 CE to the present, Duignan, Brian

The history of Western ethics, Duignan, Brian

Thinkers and theories in ethics, Duignan, Brian.

<https://www.the-philosophy.com/10-easy-philosophy-books-read>- find a list of books by famous philosophers that you can buy and download

Tasks to complete:

Create a timeline of philosophers with a brief description of their theories.

Summarise the main point of Natural Law/Situation Ethics/Utilitarianism in no more than 10 bullet points .

Create study cards about the difference between the beliefs and practices of the Western and Orthodox churches.

Other:

Reflect on the philosophical and ethical issues you have researched. Discuss your thoughts with your family &/or friends.