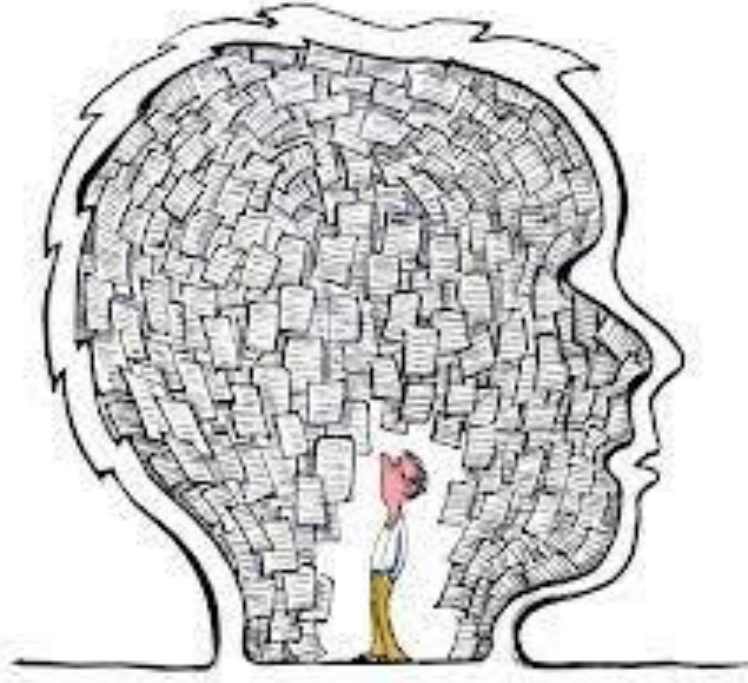




SUMMER HOMEWORK PACK



Philosophy

Ethics

DCT

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if you have questions

Subject:

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Topic(s):

Philosophy / Ethics / Theology

Independent Learning Task(s) to Complete:**INTRODUCTION TASK**

A. Course Details: You are studying Religious Studies A Level. The exam board is OCR and the main religion for Component 3 is Christianity. A brief overview of the course is here:

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/religious-studies-h173-h573-from-2016/specification-at-a-glance/>

You can look at the full specification here too

B. Create a folder for your Religious Studies lessons. use dividers to create the following three main sections:

- Philosophy of Religion
- Religion and Ethics
- Developments in religious thought
[we call this DCT - Development of Christian Thought]

You also might want to get a big folder for each paper. (if you struggle to buy these look out on Facebook market-place and local recycle sites as lots of people give these away for free)

TASKS – COMPLETE 1-6

1) Listen to this TED Talk:

[Tom Honey | Why would God create a tsunami? \[TED Talk\]](#)

https://www.ted.com/talks/tom_honey_why_would_god_create_a_tsunami

Task: Write a list of discussion points/ questions it raises. Choose (at least) one of your questions and draft at least three possible answers. (300 – 500 words; typed or written on lined paper)

2) What is Philosophy and Ethics? (40 mins)

Go to the two links below:

What is Philosophy? Crash Course Philosophy #1 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1A_CAKYt3GY

Epistemology: Introduction to Theory of Knowledge https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r_Y3utleTPg

Task: Summarize the main ideas each video in no more than sentences. Make sure you include subheadings in your notes.

3) In Religious Studies, you will be introduced to many scholars to support arguments you make in your essays. For each one make notes on them as follows:

- ▶ When were they alive?
- ▶ What key books did they write?
- ▶ What key issues they write about?
- ▶ Are there any key quotes?
- ▶ Do you find their work convincing?

Scholars List:

Task: You must complete this for 1-4 . You may then pick one more (from 5-9).

This needs to be one page of A4 typed or hand-written work per scholar.

1. St Augustine
2. St Thomas Aquinas
3. Aristotle
4. Plato
5. Richard Swinburne
6. Mary Daly
7. Joseph Fletcher
8. Jeremy Bentham
9. Immanuel Kant

Like all well-informed research, you need to consider the location of the information you find. Some good suggestions for research are:

Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy [plato.stanford.edu]

Philosophy Cat [<https://www.philosophycat.org/>]

The School of Life



- 4) Bonhoeffer — research his Life story and what he did because of his faith.
Task: Create an A3 or A4 summary page in your own words using images and pictures to explain.
- 5) You will study theology as part of your A-level. For this, it is helpful to know the story of the person of Jesus.
To help with this, we recommend reading one of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark (shortest!), Luke, John) or watching [The Miracle Maker](#) film!
Optional Task: you may to create a timeline of Jesus' Life or print one off.
- 6) Create a collage of all the products and companies you use on a day to day basis; i.e. clothes, shoes, cosmetics, car, typical foods, phone, shops you use etc.
Then Google:
- where those companies are based (*country*)
 - where their products are produced (*made*)
 - how many are British?
- Task:** Conclude: how different would your life be if you could only eat food from Britain and products created In Britain. Is it fair that the poorest of people in the world in the poorest of conditions, make these nice products for us for very little or no money?

NOTE: If you did not do GCSE RE and know very little about Christianity – please use the other pack and complete task 5 using the textbook pages. If you did do GCSE please ignore this

GOING THE EXTRA MILE (all optional but will really help you)

Here are some suggested books to help develop your thinking skills:

[The Pig That Wants To Be Eaten](#) by Julian Baggini

[50 Philosophy Ideas You Really Need to Know](#) by Ben Dupre and Laurence Kennedy

[Think: A Compelling Introduction to Philosophy](#) by Simon Blackburn

[The Blind Watchmaker](#) by Richard Dawkins

[The God Delusion](#) by Richard Dawkins

These suggestions are only a few of the very many available, so don't worry if you can't get hold of these specific titles.

Here are some suggested online resources:

The Philosophy Man [www.thephilosophyman.com]

This website gives you lots of different ideas to think about. Some are for younger children but you could try the 'brain squeezers'. These are good if you don't have too much time, or if you're finding it difficult to settle to anything concentrated.

The Philosophers Magazine [www.philosophersmag.com]

Try the games on this website and read the commentaries that go with them. Lots to think about!

Peped [peped.org]

This website has a lot of good resources that you might use once you start your A Level course; you could dip in and start exploring some of the ideas you will meet next year.

Some things to watch and think about:

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](#)

TED Talks — these are usually wonderful, with plenty to stimulate your questioning and reasoning skills.

Some favourites:

Elizabeth Loftus: How reliable is your memory?

https://www.ted.com/talks/elizabeth_loftus_how_reliable_is_your_memory

Dan Gilbert: Why we make bad decisions

https://www.ted.com/talks/dan_gilbert_why_we_make_bad_decisions

Richard Dawkins: Militant atheism

https://www.ted.com/talks/richard_dawkins_militant_atheism

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: We should all be feminists

https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_ngozi_adichie_we_should_all_be_feminists

Damon Horowitz: Philosophy in prison

https://www.ted.com/talks/damon_horowitz_philosophy_in_prison

There are loads of talks on TED so use the search engine find topics interest you.

Practise note-taking; write notes as you listen, just 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 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?

How it links to the Specification / Skills:

- Introduction task: prepares you for September
- Tasks 1-2 link to the Philosophy of Religion (and reading)
- Task 3 links to all 3 disciplines
- Task 4-6 links to Theology (and reading)
- Task 7-9 links to Ethics (and reading)

Reading tasks are from a Key Stage 3 / 4 book – they provide a basic understanding for you.

Additional Information:

The worksheets you will need for Christianity is at the back of the pack, make sure you answer them in full sentences.

The other work needs to be completed on A4-A3 paper by hand and/or typed up on computer and needs to go into your folder. Therefore, anything on the computer needs to be printed out.

We will expect to see the course folder in your first lesson (with dividers)

Any questions with this work: jones.h@myton.co.uk

Deadline:

The first lesson of RE with Miss Jones in September