

RS (Exam Board – Eduqas)

A Level Preparation Work

Welcome to A-Level Religious Studies. This fantastic course gives you the chance to study philosophy, ethics and a world religion (Christianity)

Please find outlined below the bridging work which you can be working through in preparation for the start of the course in September. The bridging work which we are recommending you to do is going to give you a background in philosophy and ethics.

Units:

1. Study of a World Religion (Christianity)
2. Philosophy of Religion
3. Ethics

Task 1: Philosophy of Religion

A) Take this online test about types of arguments used in philosophy and ethics

<http://www.philosophyexperiments.com/validorinvalid/Default.aspx>

B) Read this website about the history and development of philosophy

<http://www.philosophers.co.uk/>

Make a timeline of the development of philosophy from ancient to modern. You must cover six or more philosophers by name.

C) Research and summarise in ten bullet points **one of these two** arguments for the existence of God - The Cosmological Argument for the Existence of God or The Teleological Arguments for the Existence of God

Task 2: Ethics

A) Take this online experiment about what people think is right and wrong

<http://www.philosophyexperiments.com/cat/Default.aspx>

B) Use a dictionary or the internet to look up the definition of the terms **free will** and **determinism**. Write them down and make sure you fully understand what they mean.

C) John Locke (1632-1704) English Philosopher: Locke used an example of a sleeping man who is locked in a darkened room. When he wakes up he decides he will remain in the room out of choice, unaware that the room is actually locked. In reality the man has no freedom to choose because he cannot get out of the room, but he thinks he has made the decision for himself to stay in the room.

1. Re-write Locke's example in your own words. 2. How does it link to the ideas of free will and determinism?