

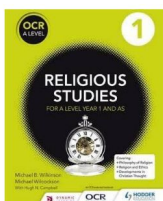
RS, Philosophy and Ethics Summer Induction Work

This course will be hugely different from GCSE. Please note you will not just be studying religion but $\frac{2}{3}$ of the course is Philosophy and Ethics. Here is a list of the topics covered:

Ethics	Philosophy	Christianity
Utilitarianism	Religious Experience	Augustine's original sin
Situation Ethics	Ancient philosophical influences: Plato and Aristotle	Death and the afterlife
Natural Law	Soul Mind and Body	Knowledge of God's existence
Kantian Ethics	Arguments about the existence of God	Jesus Christ
Euthanasia	The problem of Evil	Christian moral principles
Business Ethics	Ideas about the nature of God	Christian moral action
Meta Ethics	Issues in religious language	Religious pluralism
Conscience		Gender and society
Sexual ethics		

Below is a list of tasks to help prepare for the course:

1. Buy the Year 1 textbook - read and make notes on chapter 9: The Issues of Ethics



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2. Wider reading, TV and films which will help introduce you to key ideas:

- Vady and Gorch, *The Puzzle of Ethics* (This is a great introduction to a number of the ethical theories we will be studying)
- Dawkins, *The God Delusion* (Great for challenging religious views)
- *The Handmaid's Tale* (Book or TV adaptation- quite tough to watch in places but an interesting look at the issues with feminism)
- *The Good Place* (This is great for life after death)
- *Inferno* (This looks at Dante's view of Hell)
- *Crash course Philosophy* (does some great online videos on the topics above)

3. Find some examples of the current ethical issues facing our society. For example: The Supreme Court rejecting the parents wish to prolong the life of their sick baby.

4. As you will see from the list above there is a huge amount of content, but one of the most important skills you will learn on this course is how to write convincing eloquent arguments. Try writing a 500 word essay on one or more of the questions below. You can use the textbook, internet and other other resources to help. You can send these to stye@salisbury6c.ac.uk for feedback. These are A level questions which we will be doing next year so they should be challenging.

- Is love the highest Christian law?
- Is it more accurate to say 'I am' a body rather 'I have' a body?
- Is the universe better explained by the existence of God or random chance?
- To what extent is it true to say no action is wrong in every possible circumstance?
- Is DNR (do not resuscitate) the same as euthanasia?
- 'The only concern of Business should be to make profit'. How far do you agree?
- Is Hell eternal?

Essay writing gold:

- Start by making a table with points for each side of the argument
- Try and include examples to support points this can be knowledge or scenarios
- Think about how to move from one point to another- analysis is key - challenge the arguments what are the strengths and weaknesses?
- You need to have an overall argument that directly answers the question- make this clear in the introduction

Here is a structure that you could use:

Table:

Agree	Disagree

Introduction:

-Outline the main features of the topic

-Outline the main points of the argument and whether you agree or disagree.

On initial inspection (outline your strongest point from the side you **do not agree** with and link it back to the question)

However, when considered more deeply (outline your strongest point from the side you **agree** with and link it back to the question)

This is further strengthened by (outline your next strongest point from the side you **agree** with and link it back to the question)

Yet, this fails to recognise (outline your second strongest point from the side **you do not** agree with and link it back to the question)

However, it seems folly not to consider (outline your final point from the side you **agree with** and link it back to the question)

Conclusion:

Clearly state whether you agree or disagree with the argument and outline the key reasons for this in brief.