Philosophy and ethics reading list:

Some suggested reading for the philosophy and ethics course. There is no expectation that you read all of these but, if you are doing some reading this Summer, it might as well be something useful. I have most of these either in school or at home if there's anything you would like to borrow.

General Books on Ethics

- The Puzzle of Ethics* by Peter Vardy
- Ethical Studies * by Richard Dawkins
- Ethics Matters* by Charlotte Vardy and Peter Vardy
- A very short introduction to Ethics* by Simon Blackburn
- Teach Yourself Ethics by Mel Thompson
- The Pig that Wants to be Eaten by Julian Baggini

Recommended books

- Catechism of the Catholic Church by Geoffrey Chapman
- Situation Ethics – The New Morality by Joseph Fletcher
- Causing Death and Saving Lives (Penguin) by John Glover
- Practical Ethics by Peter Singer
- Utilitarianism by John Stuart Mill
- Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith by The Catholic Church
- Ethics: Discovering Right and Wrong by Louis Pojman
- The Four Loves by C.S Lewis
- Physics (Oxford World's Classics) by Aristotle

General Books on Philosophy

- The Puzzle of God* by Peter Vardy
- The God Delusion * by Richard Dawkins
- God Matters* by Charlotte Vardy and Peter Vardy
- Philosophy A Graphic Guide * by Dave Johnson and Judy Groves
- 50 Philosophy Ideas by Ben Dupre

Recommended books

- The brothers Karamazov by Fyodor Dostoyevsky
- The autobiography of Saint Teresa * by Saint Teresa
- Consciousness; an introduction by Susan Blackmore
- The Blind Watchmaker* by Richard Dawkins
- Principles of Philosophy by Rene Descartes
- Idea of the Holy by Rudolf Otto
- An Introduction to Plato's Republic * by Julia Annas
- The Concept of the Mind (Penguin) by Ryle Gilbert
- God, Freedom and Evil by Alvin Plantinga
- Intro. to the Philosophy of Religion by Brian Davies
- The Question of God by Michael Palmer

General Books on Developments in Christian Thought

- The Shack* by William Young
- The Story of the Book by Terence Copley
- Christianity – A Very Short Introduction* by Linda Woodhead
- Teach Yourself Christianity by John Young
- History of Christianity by Nick Page

Recommended books

- Speaking Christian by Marcus Borg
- Confessions by Saint Augustine
- Catechism of the Catholic Church by Catholic Church
- Christian Theology* by Alistair McGrath
- Institutes of the Christian Religion by John Calvin
- Shadow of the Galilean* by Gerd Theissen
- City of God * by St. Augustine
- A Theology, The Basics * by Alistair McGrath
- SCM Study Guide to Ethics by Neil Messer
- Death and Eternal Life by John Hick

Other Sources of Information

- http://www.ftse.com/products/downloads/F4G-Index-Inclusion-Rules.pdf
- www.peped.org
- http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/aquinas-moral-political/
- http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/plato/
- http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/ancient-soul/
- www.teachphilosophy101.org
- www.reddit.com/r/philosophy
- www.philosophybites.com
- http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/plato/
- http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/aquinas-moral-political/
- http://www.ftse.com/products/downloads/F4G-Index-Inclusion-Rules.pdf
- www.sacred-texts.com/chr/barmen.htm
- www.religioustolerance.org
- Mini philosophy with Jonny Thomson (Insta or Tik tok)

When watching films/documentaries/programmes, try to take a questioning attitude to the things you watch. Do you agree with what's being said? If people have different attitudes towards something, which do you agree with most, or least, and why? We call this A02 skills at A Level, and you will use these skills in essay writing.

Films:

- The Matrix – excellent parallels with Plato's philosophy (can we trust our senses?)
- Memento – (Links Philosophy of the mind and personal identity)

- The Adjustment Bureau – interesting film that deals with fate and determinism
- 'Run Lola Run' (Relates to the topics of Religious experience and problem of evil)
- 'Eye in the sky' (Just war The trolley problem) (we will do this in Core RE)
- Forrest Gump (relates to problem of evil and suffering/meta ethics)
- Inside Out (conscience)
- Force Majeur (free will/moral luck)
- Schindler's List' (Links to problem of evil in the Philosophy unit and meta ethics/conscience in year 13 Ethics).
- Truman Show (Links to conscience/meta ethics/all of Ethics) (we will do this in Core RE)
- Horton Hears a Who (Links to Philosophy and the existence of God)
- It's a wonderful life – (all of Ethics, especially year 12 business ethics and year 13
- conscience and meta-ethics)

RS on the TV – Useful and interesting programmes and documentaries:

- The Good Place – Netflix series – Links very much to the Ethics side of the course.
- Unorthodox – Netflix Series
- Waiting for the out- A BBC iPlayer series about a philosophy teacher in prison.
- Broken: BBC series now on the ERA website.

Big Questions, Ted Talks and debates:

There are plenty to stimulate your questioning and reasoning skills. 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?

Some favourites:

o Dan Gilbert – why we make bad decisions

o Richard Dawkins – militant atheism

o Elizabeth Loftus – how reliable is your memory?

o Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie – We should all be feminists

o Damon Horowitz – Philosophy in prison

o https://www.ted.com/talks/damon_horowitz/transcript Ted Talk by Damon Horowitz – We Need a Moral Operating System

o https://www.ted.com/talks/tom_honey_on_god_and_the_tsunami/transcript Ted Talk by Tom Honey – Why Would God Create A Tsunami?