

The OCR Ethics and Philosophy A level is split into 3 key modules over the two years:

1. Philosophy
2. Ethics
3. Theology

During Year 12 you will study the key foundations of philosophical and ethical thought. The transition from GCSE to AS level is a big step and, in order to help you prepare for the Year 12 course, all students should aim to complete the work on the reverse of this sheet and bring **it to their first lesson of Year 12.** We have included an outline of each course below to allow you the opportunity to research other areas should you wish to do so.

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ETHICS

Students learn about the difference between Absolutism and Relativism, Deontological and Teleological Ethical theories. The theories studied are:

- Utilitarianism (Act and Rule)
- Kantian Ethics
- Natural Law Theory
- Situational Ethics

Students study and analyse all theories in depth before applying the precepts to the following ethical issues:

- Business Ethics
- Euthanasia
- Sex Ethics

PHILOSOPHY

This unit sets the key foundations for understanding philosophical concepts and traditional ancient Greek thought. Units include:

- Aristotle
- Plato's Cave
- Soul, Mind and Body
- Teleological, Cosmological and Ontological Arguments for existence of self, world and Deity.
- The Problem of Evil
- Religious Language.
- Attributes of God.

DEVELOPMENTS IN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY

This unit investigated to how Christianity began and has developed and changed over the past 2000 years. Students investigate key foundations of the religion and analyse how far its existence has impacted society today. Modules include topics such as:

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- Augustine on Human Nature
- Christology
- Death and the afterlife
- Gender and Theology
- Secularism
- Pluralism
- Liberation Theology

In order to get a good start to the A level in September, you should research the following areas and complete the activities:

<p>Watch episodes of Crash Course Philosophy on YouTube –</p> <p>Start with ‘<i>What is Philosophy: Introduction to Philosophy #1</i>’</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1A_CAKYt3GY</p>	<p>Create a timeline of the history of Philosophy from Plato to the modern day using the clips you have watched and online research. You can include the names, time period and country of origin of the philosophers you find. <i>You do not need to add detail of each philosopher’s theories to your timeline.</i></p> <p><i>Tip – Try to include philosophers such as: Aristotle, Plato, Augustine, Aquinas, Rousseau, Descartes, Bentham, JS Mill, Mary Daly, Simone DeBeauvoir</i></p>
<p>Research the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and create a fact file of his life, actions and beliefs. Any research done online should not be copy and pasted but put in your own words.</p>	<p>Find a map of the world and, using your timeline and fact file information, attach pictures/names of philosophers to their country of origin.</p> <p><i>Can you deduce anything from this?</i></p>
<p>Prepare for your first week in Y12 by learning how to debate philosophically:</p> <p>‘<i>How to argue - philosophical reasoning. Crash Course philosophy #2</i>’.</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKEhdsnKKHs</p>	<p>Watch ‘<i>The Good Place – trolley problem</i>’ clip on YouTube and write up your own summary of the theory, using extra research if needed.</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vfldNV22LQM</p> <p>(If you have Netflix then watching the Good Place is a nice backdrop to this course, anyway, as the characters learn about becoming more ‘moral’ by testing out different philosophical theories)</p>
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