

# A Level Philosophy/Religious Studies Summer Work 2025

Overview of the course    Religious Studies OCR A Level H573

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## Tasks

1. **Watch** 'Testing God :Killing The Creator'. This is a great documentary! What can you learn about debates surrounding the existence of God? What is the God of the gaps theory? Has science won the debate? What other questions does the documentary raise? There is some interesting discussion on 'the Big Bang' to think about!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y47UHxO6-js>

2. **What is Philosophy?** Discuss! Find a definition and ideas around this which we can discuss in our first lesson! Good luck!

2. For the study of the Philosophy and Ethics part of the course you will need to know a wide range of key thinkers and their arguments. You will also need to know and understand any strengths and weaknesses of their arguments and any challenges to them.

**Find out** about FOUR key thinkers and their ideas and arguments.

i.e Plato, Aristotle, William Paley, Thomas Aquinas, Anslem, David Hume, Wittgenstein, Bentham etc etc or any others that you can find and are interested in!

3. **Key Words task** Select **TEN** key words from the list. Why have you chosen them? Do they link with any of the ideas of Philosophers you have found out about? Start a key words vocabulary list for your folder( see task below). We will discuss some of the terms when we return in September!

4. Over the summer make sure that you buy or get hold of a decent ring binder and some dividers. You will need different sections in your folder for the different components of the course ( there are THREE components). Being organised is very important at A Level.

5. Course text books. Please get in touch before buying! Many of these titles are available cheaper 2<sup>nd</sup> hand on a well-known on-line auction website! I would advise buying before September though as prices can go up due to demand.

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