



**Religious Studies**  
**Summer Independent Learning**  
**2022**

## **Task 1: Revise everything**

You will be expected to revise all your work over the holidays. This will help you with your final exams!

I will need to see evidence of this revision through mind maps, index cards, practise essay questions etc. It would also be a good idea to create a revision timetable.

## **Task 2: Preparation for a test at the start of the term**

I will also be giving you a test; (not essay based) on the following topics to ensure that your revision has been comprehensive enough:

### **Philosophy of Religion**

Cosmological Arguments

Teleological Arguments

Challenges to inductive arguments

Ontological Arguments

Challenges to Ontological Argument and AO2

The problem of evil

Augustinian and Irenaean Theodicies

Freud

Jung

Atheism

### **Ethics**

Divine Command Theory

Virtue Theory

Ethical Egoism

Aquinas' Natural Law

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Application of Aquinas' Natural Law

Finnis

Hoose

Application of Finnis and Hoose

### **Islam**

The significance in the development of Islam of both the life and teachings of Muhammad in Makkah

The significance in the development of Islam of both the Hijrah and the life and teachings of Muhammad in Madinah

The Qur'an as a source of wisdom and authority – its use and treatment in Islam

The concept of Allah

Muslim beliefs about nabi (prophets), rasul (messenger), nadir (warner) and risalah (the message).

Malaikah, Angels and Akhirah (Day of Judgement)

The role and significance of Salah and others forms of prayer





The role and significance of Zakah and Hajj

The role of the mosque in Islam

## REP – Something to watch, to listen to and to read.

We strongly recommend that you complete these tasks as they will help you develop your knowledge and understanding of the many topics covered during the Religion, Ethics and Philosophy A Level course.

Choose a minimum of 3 tasks, write a one paragraph summary and/or review of it that we can discuss them in September.

	<p><b>The Panpsycast</b> Aimed at A Level RS and Philosophy students. Thought-provoking and witty. Useful episodes include, 1, 2, 32 or 42 or any that you find interesting!</p>	<p><b>Philosophy Bites, Ethics Bites and Philosophy the Classics podcasts</b> Brilliant introductions to key texts and ideas in philosophy and ethics <a href="#">Trolleys-killing-and-the-doctrine-double-effect?</a></p>	<p><b>History of Philosophy without any gaps</b> This is a podcast that tells the story of philosophy but without the focus on the Western tradition. <a href="#">Introduction to the ideas of Aquinas</a></p>
	<p><b>The Good Place</b> Comedy on Netflix exploring the afterlife and ethics (it is very funny!) Some clip are available on YouTube.</p> 	<p><b>Religion for Breakfast</b> YouTube series of short, 6 minute videos on a huge range of religious topics and movements.</p>	<p><b>The Root of all Evil? 2-part</b> documentary series from Richard Dawkins that outlines the main arguments of the New Atheists regarding the dangers of religion</p>
	<p><a href="#">Article on Jurgen Moltmann</a> An influential theologian looks back on his life and ideas.</p>	<p><a href="#">Challenging Learning Journal - articles</a> Journals aimed at A levels students e.g. <a href="#">Autumn 2020</a> has articles on Jesus, faith in a pandemic and religion and science.</p>	<p><a href="#">Current and archived news articles on religion</a>  <a href="#">BBC ethics</a>  Keep up to date with religion in the news.</p>