



**Religious Studies**  
**Summer Independent Learning**  
**2025**

# 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.

**If you don't take this opportunity over the summer break- you will not get the results you deserve...so please make the time!**

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

I will also be giving you a test within the first week you are back; (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  
Aquinas' Natural Law  
Application of Aquinas' Natural Law  
Finnis  
Hoose  
Application of Finnis and Hoose  
Naturalism  
Emotivism  
Intuitionism





## Islam

Life and teachings of Muhammad in Makkah  
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><a href="#">The Panpsycast</a> 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><a href="#">Philosophy Bites, Ethics Bites and Philosophy the Classics podcasts</a> Brilliant introductions to key texts and ideas in philosophy and ethics <a href="#">Trolleys-killing-and-the-doctrine-double-effect?</a></p>	<p><a href="#">History of Philosophy without any gaps</a> 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><a href="#">The Good Place</a> Comedy on Netflix exploring the afterlife and ethics (it is very funny!) Some clip are available on YouTube.</p> 	<p><a href="#">Religion for Breakfast</a> YouTube series of short, 6 minute videos on a huge range of religious topics and movements.</p>	<p><a href="#">The Root of all Evil? 2-part</a> 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>

