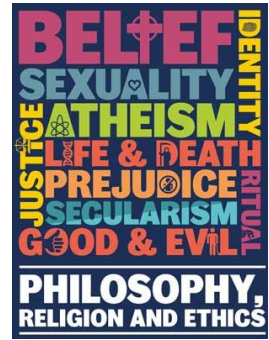


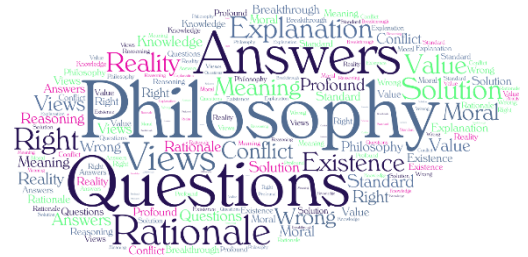
Get ready for an explosive* start to RS (Philosophy & Ethics)!



Philosophy is one of the most ancient academic subjects, yet it is one of the most relevant today.

Here is some advice from our current Philosophy students:

- Be organised from the start
- Make revision notes as you go along
- Be prepared to question everything
- Work hard but have a work/life balance
- Be critical
- Ask your teachers as soon as you don't understand something.
- Read all the philosophy you can, starting with 'Sophie's World'
- Read newspapers to find examples for ethics



*Your lessons will be in the room called 'C4'

One of the things you can do to get ready is prepare your folders. You will need 3 folders:

Lever Arch File 1: Philosophy

10 dividers:

- *Assessments*
- L6 – Ancient Greek
- L6 – Soul, mind and body
- L6 – 'Observation' arguments
- L6 – 'Reason' arguments
- L6 – Religious Experience
- L6 – Problem of Evil
- U6 – Nature of God
- U6 – Religious Language I
- U6 – Religious Language II

Lever Arch File 2: Ethics

10 dividers:

- *Assessments*
- L6 – Natural Law
- L6 – Situation Ethics
- L6 – Kantian Ethics
- L6 – Utilitarianism
- L6 – Euthanasia
- L6 – Business Ethics
- U6 – Sexual Ethics
- U6 – Meta Ethics
- U6 – Conscience

Lever Arch File 3: Developments

10 dividers:

- *Assessments*
- L6 – Human Nature
- L6 – Death and the Afterlife
- L6 – Knowledge of God's existence
- L6 – Jesus Christ
- L6 – Moral Principles and Action
- U6 – Religious Pluralism
- U6 – Gender and society/theology
- U6 – Challenge of Secularism
- U6 – Liberation theology/Marx

RS (Philosophy & Ethics)
is not what you think...
...it's *how* you think!

The famous Greek philosopher Socrates apparently said 'The unexamined life is not worth living'. Should we all examine what it means to be human?

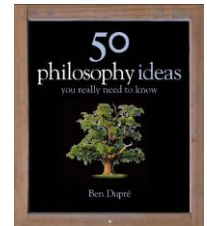
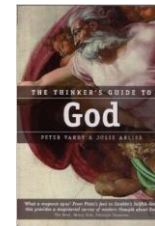
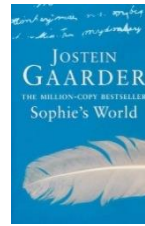
For the summer!

You might read:

'Sophie's World' by Jostein Gardener (highly recommended)

'50 Key Philosophy Ideas you really need to know' by Ben Dupre

Anything written by Peter Vardy



You might watch:

'I, Robot', 'The Truman Show', 'Inception', 'Groundhog Day'

'Million Dollar Baby', 'The Meaning of Life',

'The Matrix', 'Minority Report' and 'Groundhog Day'



You might listen to:

The Moral Maze: BBC Radio 4

There are programmes on Morality and Social Networks, Gay Marriage, Morality of Abortion, Morality and Science to name but a few

Beyond Belief: BBC Radio 4

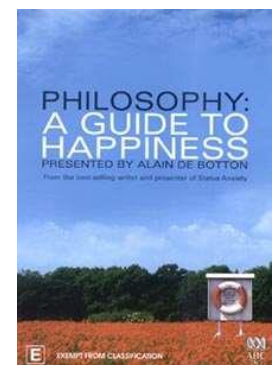
At the moment, there are programmes on Physics, Adoption, Atheism, Same Sex Marriage and lots more!



You might watch on TV:

Alain de Botton, 'Philosophy – A Guide to Happiness'.

In each episode he takes on one key philosophical figure and applies their teaching to society's approach to happiness. It's on 4OD



Some questions for you:

- 1) Why is it useful to study religion even if you are not a religious person?
- 2) Should all young people be made to study Philosophy?
- 3) Do you think there are absolute morals that apply to every situation or should we deal with each situation individually and be flexible in our morals if necessary?