A LEVEL RELIGIOUS STUDIES – PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS

DISCOVERY LIST

WHAT IS A DISCOVERY LIST?
Here you will find recommendations from the Religious Studies department here at Rainford Sixth Form which will help you explore the academic discipline at a deeper level and extend your knowledge beyond the classroom.

REFERENCE BOOKS:
General

- OCR Religious Ethics / Philosophy for AS and A2 study – both student textbooks are vital to learning the key elements of the differing Philosophical and ethical elements of the course. (Edited by Jon Mayled)

- NEW TEXTBOOKS ALERT – Oxford A Level Religious Studies for OCR AS and Year 1 Christianity, Philosophy and Ethics (Libby Ahluwalia and Robert Bowie) for Year 12 students available in the new year.

- AS and A Level Religious Studies: Philosophy & Ethics Through Diagrams: Oxford Revision Guides


JOURNALS

- DIALOGUE – A Journal of Religion and Philosophy – available in the library
  http://www.dialouge.org.uk/

ADDITIONAL READING AND SUPPORT TEXTS:

- Hodder and Stoughton Series – Foundations for the Study of Religions. A series of books within our library focused on Ethics and Philosophy. (Libby Ahluwalia)

- Heinemann Advanced RS – The Philosophy of Religion and The Study of Ethics. (H J Richards) available in the school library
• Plato Republic – Wordsworth Classics of World Literature.

• Practical Ethics 2\textsuperscript{nd} edition by Peter Singer – available in the college Library.

**PLACES TO VISIT / EVENTS:**
The Manchester Buddhist Centre. This is a great venue for experiences of mediation and exploring the spiritual aspects of life:
http://www.manchesterbuddhistcentre.org.uk/

The Liverpool Anglican Cathedral. Fabulous free tours can take place which involves the historical and religious influences of the building, the mass and the religious community.
http://www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk/

The Houses of Parliament in London. Free tours which explores the Houses of Parliament and the Houses of Law. It details the processers concerning Laws which take place and the ethics of our community.
http://www.parliament.uk/

**OTHER:**
• Try to read a broadsheet newspaper weekly (The Times / The Independent / The Guardian) or Sky news or BBC news. This will assist you in learning about the current Ethics/ Philosophical and Christian issues in our world.

• The Big Questions – BBC 1 Sunday morning at 10am. A religious debate programmes focused on some of the major key Philosophical and ethical modern day issues.
http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b007zp1l

• Question Time with David Dimbleby, BBC 1 Thursday 10.30pm. A weekly debate programme focused on political discussions concerning our modern day society.
http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006t1q9

**USEFUL WEBSITES:**

• OCR – For past papers, exam advice and revision notes.
http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-a-level-gce-religious-studies-h173-h573-from-2016/
- True Tube – a website with short Philosophical, ethical and Christian focused videos centering on all the key themes covered within the OCR course.  
http://www.truetube.co.uk/

- Rsrevision.com – A comprehensive site focused on revision and subject knowledge content including subject knowledge and resources.  
http://rsrevision.com/contents/index.htm

- Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy - a fantastic research site with lots of additional reading and information concerning key Philosophical concepts.  
http://plato.stanford.edu/

- BBC Religions and Ethics – a selection of short videos and written information concerning modern day ethical issues.  
http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/sections/big-questions

- Komilla Chadha, a Philosophy and ethics students whom has created a number of short but comprehensive revision videos for all students.  
https://www.youtube.com/user/CuteChadz