

Yr11 – 12 Transition Activities Subject:



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<u>A Level</u> <u>Philosophy, Ethics and</u> <u>Theology</u> <u>Year 11 to 12 Transition</u> Work



Welcome, year 11! This is your transition work for A level Philosophy, Ethics and Theology!

The pack is designed to give you a flavour of what A level Philosophy and Ethics is all about. The pack will introduce you to some core philosophical, ethical, and theological concepts and events, to aid your

understanding of Philosophy and Ethics ready for sixth form. Don't feel you need to complete it all in one go or complete every single section! You can complete the tasks in this booklet in the spaces provided.

Mrs Carr

Task One: What is Philosophy?

Go to the link below:

 What is Philosophy (Crash Course) <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1A_CAkYt3GY</u>

Now complete the following tasks below in the space provided:

Watch the video carefully.

Watch it once fully without making notes and then a second time to be able to write things down that you found.

Hank does speak quite fast!

1. Try and summarise the main ideas of the video in no more than 3 sentences.

2. Write down 5 things you have learnt about Philosophy

Open up the link below and choose <u>one</u> of the videos from the interview series titled 'Why study theology?' and answer the 2 questions.

https://www.closertotruth.com/series/why-study-theology

- 1) The interview clip I have chosen is: ______
- 2) The main argument from this clip why to study theology was ______

Task Two: Some key language for Philosophy and Ethics

Use google to look up the definition of these key words

Term	Explanation
Ethics	
A priori	
A posteriori	
Predicate	
Tautology	
Empiricism	
Cosmological	
Ontological	

Teleological	
Logical fallacy	
Analytic statement	
Synthetic statement	
Normative ethics	
Applied ethics	
Meta-ethics	
Emotivism	
Subjectivism	
Divine command theory	
Natural Law	
Existentialism	

Task Three: Making a Case

Now I would like you to make a case for and against a particular issue. Philosophy and Ethics at A level will require you to make judgements about issues.

You need to create a for/against case for one of the following issues:

- Does God exist?
- Is there an afterlife?
- Was Jesus really the Son of God?
- Do all people go to heaven when they die?
- Should abortion be made illegal?
- Should euthanasia be made legal?

This will require you to write at least three paragraphs. Just as you did at GCSE, write a paragraph agreeing, a paragraph disagreeing and a conclusion. Try to include evidence or scholars to support the points you make.

I've written a sample paragraph below – I'm interested in you ARGUING your case with evidence!

Some would argue that all people do indeed go to heaven when they die. This is because of the belief that God is benevolent, all loving. In the Bible it states that 'God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.' This clearly shows that because God is benevolent His love would mean that someone could never go to hell when they die. Furthermore, many people would question why God would punish someone forever if He is meant to be all-loving. On the other hand, many people would argue that not all people go to heaven as some people, like Hitler, would not deserve to go there. Heaven is a place for the sinless and therefore would not make sense if Hitler went there. Additionally, many Christians would argue that faith is really important, why should all people go to heaven, they need to believe in Jesus to be able to go there which is a fundamental belief.

Write your paragraphs below.

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Task Four, extend yourself: Key scholar Research

In Philosophy, Ethics and Theology you will be introduced to many scholars to support arguments you make in your essays. Choose one or two of the scholars below and create some sort of leaflet on your chosen scholar. This needs to be one page of A4 typed or hand-written work.

In this you need to make sure you have completed the following success criteria:

- When were they alive?
- What key books did they write?
- What key issues did they write about?
- Are there any key quotes?
- Do you find their work convincing?

The following scholars to choose to research from are:

- Plato
- Aristotle
- St Augustine
- St Thomas Aquinas

- Richard Swinburne
- Mary Daly
- Joseph Fletcher
- Jeremy Bentham















