

# A Level Religion and Philosophy

## Transition Tasks

### Bristol Free School

So, you've opted to study A Level RS, great choice! We study the AQA Religious Studies A Level, which is broken down into three parts: Philosophy, Ethics, and Christianity.

Subject Content for this course can be found here:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/as-and-a-level/religious-studies-7062/subject-content>

Below you will find a number of tasks to introduce you to key words, thinkers and ideas that will be covered. These transition tasks are essential in giving you a basic understanding of some complicated ideas that we will be studying.

1. If you can, purchase (or borrow from a library) a copy of Sophie's World: A Novel About the History of Philosophy, by Jostein Gaarder.  
Read this book, as it is a fantastic introduction, in the form of a novel, to key philosophers and philosophical ideas that we will return to over the two-year course.  
[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Sophies-History-Philosophy-Aug-11-1997-Paperback/dp/B00BOPE07E/ref=sr\\_1\\_5?keywords=sophie%27s+world&qid=1585642083&sr=8-5](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Sophies-History-Philosophy-Aug-11-1997-Paperback/dp/B00BOPE07E/ref=sr_1_5?keywords=sophie%27s+world&qid=1585642083&sr=8-5)

2. Create a glossary of the following terms: inductive, synthetic, a priori, a posteriori, deductive, analytic, omnipotent, omnibenevolent, omniscient and eternal.

3. Watch the following YouTube videos:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1A\\_CAkYt3GY&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtNgK6MZucdYldNkMybYIHKR](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1A_CAkYt3GY&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtNgK6MZucdYldNkMybYIHKR)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKEhdsnKKHs&index=2&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtNgK6MZucdYldNkMybYIHKR>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FmTsS5xFA6k&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtNgK6MZucdYldNkMybYIHKR&index=9>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TgisehuGOyY&index=10&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtNgK6MZucdYldNkMybYIHKR>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7e9v\\_fsZB6A&index=11&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtNgK6MZucdYldNkMybYIHKR](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7e9v_fsZB6A&index=11&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtNgK6MZucdYldNkMybYIHKR)

4. Watch some clips from TED Talks about philosophy & religion- and make notes

<https://www.ted.com/talks?sort=newest&topics%5B%5D=philosophy>

<https://www.ted.com/talks?sort=newest&topics%5B%5D=philosophy&topics%5B%5D=religion>

5. Recommend Reading:

Peter Vardy – The Puzzle of God

Peter Vardy – The Puzzle of Ethics

Peter Vardy – The Puzzle of Evil