

A Level Philosophy and Ethics (RS)

Part A - Bridging Work Task

This is a fantastic opportunity to expand your understanding of A Level Philosophy and Ethics as you prepare for enrolment and start at Franklin in September.

Please complete the work and bring a copy to your enrolment, either printed or electronically.

The work will take you around **2 hours** so plan your time to best suit you.

How do I complete and submit my task?	<p>Complete the tasks on paper/handwritten or digitally, and bring a copy, either paper or electronically, to your enrolment appointment. Also, bring this along to your first lesson in September.</p> <p>If you didn't attend the Taster Day, don't worry. It isn't essential for completing this work, but please ensure that you have completed this bridging work.</p>
Introduction to your Bridging Task	<p>This task will give you an introduction to the first topic you can expect to study in September: Philosophy of Religion, focusing on the ancient philosophical influences and language.</p>
Task details	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Research and define the following philosophical terms:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Rationalismb. Empiricismc. Teleology2. Research the following (there are useful links in the resources section):<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Plato's Analogy of the Caveb. Plato's theory of the Formsc. Aristotle's theory of the Four Causes3. Use your research to answer the following question: "The only way to understand the world is through your senses, not through reason." How far do you agree with this statement?

Resources to help you with the Bridging Task	<p>You can use the following websites and videos to help with the task:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analogy of the Cave video • Analogy of the Cave • Theory of the Forms • Theory of the Four Causes <p>You can also use any other research sources and materials you wish.</p>
Extension Tasks	
Extension Tasks to stretch and challenge you	<p>If you have completed the above to the best of your ability, feel free to try this extension task (<i>this is optional</i>):</p> <p>Research Aristotle's theory of the Prime Mover.</p> <p>How far can this help us to understand how the world works?</p>
Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)	<p>You might enrol and complete the following to push you a little further (this is optional):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing Philosophy – Open University • Introducing the philosophy of religion – Open University

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Part B – Preparing for Studying at Franklin

A fantastic opportunity to widen your understanding of the course.

Examining Board and Specification	<p>This course follows OCR's A Level Religious Studies specification.</p> <p>We cover the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philosophy of Religion • Religion and Ethics • Developments in Christian Thought <p>Studying this course will give you a wide range of skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use and analysis of evidence. • Interpretation of ideas and written materials. • Presenting and debating. • Working as a team. • Formulating and supporting an argument, and many others. <p>Progression after this course:</p> <p>This qualification will allow you to study a wide range of courses at university, such as History, Classics, Philosophy, Theology, Law, English, Sociology and so on.</p> <p>The skills developed on the course will also support studies in the STEM field.</p> <p>There are many different career fields that students go into after studying Religious Studies, such as Teaching, Law, Journalism, Civil Service and more.</p> <p>You can find more details about the course here: AS and A Level – Religious Studies - H573 - OCR</p>
Preparing for the course	<p>Here are some helpful sources of information if you would like further information about the subject:</p> <p>Websites</p> <p>https://philosophynow.org/ https://www.britannica.com/topic/philosophy-of-religion</p> <p>Books</p> <p>OCR A Level Religious Studies: Philosophy of Religion OCR A Level Religious Studies: Religion and Ethics OCR A Level Religious Studies: Developments in Christian Thought</p> <p>Digital Resources</p> <p>https://nigelwarburton.typepad.com/philosophy_bites/ https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01f0vzr (In Our Time podcast)</p>