



Welcome to Philosophy and Ethics



Your course

You will be studying **Religious Studies / Philosophy and Ethics H573 OCR**.

We study the units Philosophy, Ethics and Developments in Christian Thought.

Details of the specification and course assessment can be found here:

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/religious-studies-h173-h573-from-2016/>

We encourage you to become familiar with the course specification as soon as you start your course in September.

Summer bridging work

Philosophy Bridging Work

Philosophy is a sense of wonder.

As we grow we lose the sense of wonder, because we are use to the world. Life becomes a habit. Philosophy tries to make us look beyond what we have learnt to accept, to go beyond our routine and get back to the sense of wonder.

TASK 1.

Read these quotes and WRITE in **great detail** what you think they mean

“The unexamined life is not worth living” Socrates

“The only wisdom is knowing you know nothing at all” Socrates

TASK 2.

Watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rh0fxJkvL44&t=479s>



- a) Write 10 facts about Plato and Aristotle that you find interesting and important.
- b) Add a list of any new vocabulary you have learnt

Task 3.

Read the following story and answer the questions

Members of a bizarre Weatherfields sect lived a very secluded life at St Hilda Hogden House. All but the leader were forbidden any contact with the outside world and were taught that reality was the work portrayed in soap operas – the only television programmes they were allowed to watch. For the Weatherfieldians, as they were known, Coronation Street, EastEnders, Emmerdale and HollyOaks were not the work of fiction but fly on the wall documentaries. And since most of the members had been born in the commune, the pretence was not hard to maintain.

One day, however, disciple Kenneth, who had always been a touch rebellious, decided to leave Hogden's and visit the place he had seen so often on the altar box. This was, of course, strictly forbidden. But Kenneth managed to escape.

What he found amazed him. The biggest shock came when he managed to get to Coronation Street and discovered it wasn't in Weatherfields at all, but was a set in a studio.

But when he furtively returned to Hogden's and told his fellow disciples what he had discovered, he was dismissed as a lunatic "You should never have left" they told him "It's not safe out there. The mind plays tricks on you." And with that they chased him from the commune and forbade him to enter again.

1. What is your understanding of this story?
2. "Is it better to question the world around you or accept what you know to be true?" Discuss
3. "If the Weatherfieldians are happy in their ignorance, is it better to leave them?" Discuss
4. How do you know what you believe to be the truth is the truth?

ETHICS BRIDGING WORK

TASK 1.

What influences your ethical choices?

- a) Mind map your ideas

TASK 2.

Watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u399XmkjeXo> and



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8juebyo_Z4



- a) Now write a list of 10 interesting things you've learnt about ethics.
- b) Add a list of any new vocabulary you have learnt

TASK 3.

KEY SCHOLAR RESEARCH

Create an information page on either:

- a) Joseph Fletcher or b) Jeremy Bentham

Include

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?