

Year 12
Your Summer Task: *What is Real?*
Introduces you to the three sections of the course.



Philosophy Topic 1:
The nature of reality

Looking at the ideas of Plato and Aristotle

Ethics Topic 1:

What is Ethics + the Natural Law Argument

An introduction to relative / absolute morality, and the ideas of Natural Law

Buddhism Topics 1 and 2:

Insights and Foundations

How do Buddhists see samsara?
The life of Siddhartha

Philosophy Topic 2:
Mind, body and soul

Dualism, Descartes, Plato and Aristotle

Ethics Topic 2:

Situation Ethics + Euthanasia

Fletcher's Situation Ethics, and euthanasia as an example of applied ethics

Buddhism Topics 3 and 4:

Living and Insights

The Deer Park Sermon, karma, dependent origination, the 3 poisons

Philosophy Topic 3:
Existence of God 1

Teleological Argument, the idea of design

Ethics Topic 3:
Utilitarianism

Teleological ethics, the ideas of Bentham and Mill

Buddhism Topic 5:

Living

The 3 refuges, the life of bhikkhus and bhikkhunis and of lay Buddhists

Philosophy Topic 4:
Existence of God 2

The Cosmological Argument

Ethics Topic 4:
Kantian Ethics

Deontological ethics, the ideas of Kant

Buddhism Topic 6:

Living

Methods and purpose of meditation

Philosophy Year 2 Course:

The nature of God

What do people mean when they talk about God / gods?

Ethics Year 2 Topic 3:
Conscience

The ideas of Aquinas and Freud

Buddhism Year 2 Topic 2
Zen and Pure Land Schools

How do they differ? Are they Buddhism?

Philosophy Topic 7
God and the world

The Problem of Evil and Suffering

Ethics: Year 2 course Topic 2:
Metaethics

Cognitive and non-cognitive theories

Buddhism Year 2 course:
Mahayana Scriptures and Philosophy
The Lotus and Heart Sutras, the idea of Sunyatta and Upaya Kausala

Year 13

Summer tasks set for each section of the course, reinforcing Year 12 work and setting the basis for Year 13 studies.

Philosophy Topic 6:
God and the world

Religious experiences

Ethics Year 2 course Topic 1
Sexual Ethics
Issues of sex and sexuality

Buddhism Year 2 course:
Theravada and Mahayana
Looking at bodhisattvas and arhats

Philosophy Topic 5:
Existence of God 3

The Ontological Argument

Ethics Topic 5:
Business Ethics
A second applied ethics topic

Buddhism Topic 7:
Foundations
The context of Buddhism

Philosophy Topic 6:
Religious Language

How can we speak of God /the unknown?

Philosophy Topic 7:
21st century perspectives

Looking at religious language

Philosophy: Revision
All topics

Ethics Revision Topic 1:
Normative ethical theories
Revising work taught in Year 12

Ethics Revision Topic 2:
Applied ethics and Year 2 concepts
Revising ethical ideas and year 2 work

Ethics: Revision:
All topics

Buddhism Year 2 Topic 3:
Western Buddhism
Secular Buddhism, Dual belonging, the Dalai Lama

Buddhism Year 2 Topics 4 + 5:
Women, and Social engagement
Gender issues within Buddhism, and the issues of Buddhist Ethics

Buddhism: Revision:
All topics

3 x 2 hour exams, one on Philosophy, one on Ethics, one on Buddhism, answer 3 questions from a choice of 4

Our exam board is OCR at A Level.

RE Key Stage 5