



Philosophy & Ethics

Expectations for success are:

- a willingness and desire to achieve and exceed their Minimum Expected Grade.
- motivation to complete the work to a good or outstanding standard, by the deadline.
- commitment to independent study and wider reading
- an openness to the opinions of others and an interest into the reasoning which underpin the opinions.
- a readiness to tackle the new vocabulary
- good or outstanding attendance and punctuality
- constant review and revision of previous topics

The characteristics of an outstanding student in this subject are

- Determined
- Dedicated
- Aiming high
- Resilient in the face of setbacks and determination to find ways to solve problems – for example when the don't understand a view point
- Open-mindedness
- Accepting responsibility for their own grade and work
- Organised
- Enquiring mind
- Well read
- Analytic approach to the views
- Good essay writing skills

Wider reading list

Core Textbooks

- Ahluwalia, L **Understanding Philosophy of Religion for AS and A2** OUP 2008
- Wright, R. **Understanding Religious Ethics for AS and A2** OUP 2010

Other course specific textbooks

- Jordan, Lockyer and Tate **Philosophy of Religion, OCR Edition** Nelson Thornes 2004
- Taylor, Eyre and Knight **OCR AS Philosophy and Ethics Student Book** Heinemann 2008
- Taylor and Mayled **OCR Philosophy of Religion for AS and A2** Routledge 2008
- Olliphant, J. **OCR Religious Ethics for AS and A2**
- Wilkinson, M **Philosophy of Religion for AS** Continuum 2009

General Philosophy of Religion books (written by key philosophers)

- Gaarder, J. **Sophie's World** Phoenix 1994
- Cole, P. **Philosophy of Religion**, Hodder 1999

- Davies, B. **An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion**, OUP 2004
- Thompson, M. **An Introduction to Philosophy**, Hodder 1995
- Vardy, P. **The Puzzle of God** Fount 1999
- Vardy and Vardy **God Matters** SCM 2013
- Vardy and Arliss **A thinkers Guide to God** O Books 2003
- Vardy, P **The Puzzle of Evil** Fount 1992
- Swinburne, R. **Is there a God?** OUP 2010
- Dawkins, R. **The God Delusion** Black Swan 2007
- McGrath, A. **The Dawkins Delusion** SPCK 2007

Ethics Books

- Vardy and Vardy **Ethics Matters** SCM 2012
- Grosch, P and Vardy, P **The Puzzle of Ethics** Fount 1999
- Bowie, R. **Ethical Studies, Second Edition** Nelson Thornes 2004

Other Books

- Baron, P **How to get an A grade in OCR Ethics and Philosophy** Pushmepress 2013
- Baron, P **How to Write Ethics and Philosophy Essays** Pushmepress 2012