

A-level Religious Studies

Books You Need to Buy

[Philosophy of Religion for OCR: The Complete Resource for Component 01 of the New AS and A Level Specification](#) by Dennis Brown and Ann Greggs

[Religion and Ethics for OCR: The Complete Resource for Component 02 of the New AS and A Level Specifications](#) by Mark Coffey and Dennis Brown

[Developments in Christian Thought for OCR: The Complete Resource for Component 03 of the New AS and A Level Specification](#) by Dennis Brown and Ann Greggs

[The Puzzle of God](#) by Peter Vardy

[The Puzzle of Ethics](#) by Peter Vardy

Strongly Recommended to Buy

[OCR Religious Studies A Level Year 1 and AS](#) by Hugh Campbell, Michael Wilkinson

[OCR Religious Studies A Level Year 2](#) by Michael Wilkinson

Philosophy of Religion- Taught by Mrs Hodkinson

Required Reading

Vardy, P. (1999) *The Puzzle of God*, SCM Press- ***Read chapter 3 'The Background to the Debate about God'***

Ethics- Taught by Mr Shorrocks

Required Reading

Vardy, P.(1999) *The Puzzle of Ethics*, SCM Press – ***Read the chapter on Utilitarianism***

Required Reading List Tasks:

For each of the chapters you have been asked to read, summarise the key points in one of the following ways:

- Write a review of each chapter outlining which were the most useful sections and whether you enjoyed the chapter/ why/ why not.
- List any key terms from the text in a vocabulary list, researching their meanings (if not clear from the text) and record these.
- Create a picture mind-map of the key ideas. Use doodles and images to illustrate these. For a guide to mind-mapping, see this short video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLWV0XN7K1g>

Required Video Resources and Tasks:

Watch the videos below, choosing one to focus on for your task. Write a list of discussion points/ questions it raises. Choose (at least) one of your questions and draft at least three possible answers that might be given.

https://www.ted.com/talks/damon_horowitz/transcript Ted Talk by Damon Horowitz – We Need a Moral Operating System

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-a739VjgdSI> Utilitarianism: Crash Course Philosophy #36

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e8MzPmkNsgU> Debate: Atheist vs Christian (Christopher Hitchens vs William Lane Craig)

Optional work

Books

Richard Dawkins (anything by him, but ‘The God Delusion’ and ‘The Blind Watchmaker’ are probably the most relevant and accessible)

‘Sophie’s World’ Jostein Gaarder

‘A Little History of Philosophy’ Nigel Warburton

Podcasts

[Panpsycast Philosophy Podcast](#)

[Peped Podcast](#)

Youtube Channels

[Crash Course Philosophy](#)

[Closer to Truth](#)

[Philosophy Tube](#)