

Philosophy

To start exploring, and best prepare yourself for studying this subject at A-level, your teachers recommend accessing the range of resources below:

Exam board and title	OCR – A-level Religious Studies	
Read ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Philosophy Files</i> by Stephen Law • <i>The God Delusion, Science in the Soul, Outgrowing God</i> by Richard Dawkins • <i>Teach Yourself Philosophy</i> by Mel Thompson • <i>The Puzzle of Ethics</i> by Peter Vardy • <i>Teach Yourself Ethics</i> by Mel Thompson • <i>Christianity: A Very Short Introduction</i> by Linda Woodhead 	
Watch ...	<u>Crash Course Philosophy – YouTube</u> <u>BBC Horizon – God on the Brain</u> <u>The Boy Who Lived Before - YouTube</u>	Films <i>The Matrix</i> (15) <i>The Truman Show</i> <i>Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace</i> <i>The Constant Gardener</i> <i>The Adjustment Bureau</i> <i>The Magdalene Sisters</i> (15)
Browse ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://peped.org/ • https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b04bwydw • https://thepanpsycast.com/home • Table of Contents (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy) • Divinityphilosophy.net • https://www.theguardian.com/world/religion • Philosopherkings 	
Other Suggestions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBC <i>In Our Time</i> – take your pick from a wide range of podcasts on many areas of philosophy. <i>Plato's Republic</i> and <i>Augustine's Confessions</i> are good starting points. • Keep a close eye on a variety of news sources so you are up to date with current affairs – including what is going on in the worlds of politics, business, science, arts and culture. All of this will prove useful when you begin your course. • You could do your own independent research and complete a timeline of the most influential philosophers of all time. Try to find out a little bit about some of the scholars who have most influenced philosophical thought. A few names to get you started – Socrates, Plato, Aristotle. St Augustine, Aquinas, Descartes, Kant, Hume, John Stuart Mill, Marx, Bentham. You could also research other interesting and controversial figures, such as Richard Dawkins and Mary Daly. 	