



## Course overview

Exam board: OCR

3 units: Philosophy, Ethics and Development in  
Christian Thought

Final assessment: 3 x 2 hour exams

## Why study EP at A Level?

- ★ Insight into key philosophical concepts and questions of past two millennia
- ★ Appreciation of nuances of key ethical issues
- ★ Understanding of impact of religion on global politics, history, culture, society
- ★ Cultural capital: access to art, literature, music, architecture, poetry

### Philosophy

- The philosophical theories of Aristotle and Plato
- Does God exist?
- Is the mind/soul separate from the body?
- The problem of evil
- Religious language: how can we talk about God?

### Ethics

- Key ethical theories: Utilitarianism, Natural Moral Law, Situation Ethics, Kantian Ethics
- Applied Ethics: Euthanasia, Sexual ethics, Business ethics

### DCR

- Augustine on The Fall and Original Sin
- Who gets into heaven?
- Jesus: A deep dive
- The nature of God
- The challenges posed by Feminist theology, Freud and Marx

### Assessment objective

AO1: Knowledge and understanding

### Key skills

- Demonstration of relevant knowledge and understanding
- Accurate use of technical terms and vocabulary
- Use of key scholars

### Weighting

**40%**

AO2: Analysis and evaluation

- Ability to construct a coherent and successful argument
- Clear analysis and evaluation of theories
- Persuasive and justified conclusion

**60%**

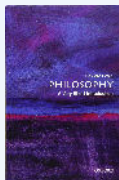
## Revision Resources

Revision Guide  
available :

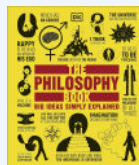


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## Philosophy Reading List



**Craig: Philosophy - A Very Short Introduction**  
*Exactly what the title says*  
ISBN: 9780198861775

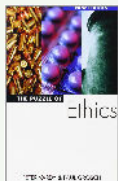


**DK: The Philosophy Book**  
*Tackles challenging theories through engaging graphics and diagrams*  
ISBN: 9781405353298



**Dawkins: The God Delusion**  
*An evisceration of God and an impassioned polemic on the ills of religion*  
ISBN: 9781784161927

## Ethics Reading List

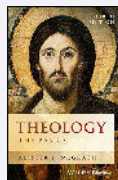


**Vardy: The Puzzle of Ethics**  
*A guide to the complex subject of ethics explained in clear and entertaining language*  
ISBN: 9780006281443



**Glover: Causing Death and Saving Lives**  
*An examination of practical ethical problems - and possible solutions*  
ISBN: 9780140134797

## Developments in Christian Thought Reading List



**McGrath: Theology - The Basics**  
*A must read for anyone interested in A Level EP*  
ISBN: 9781119158080

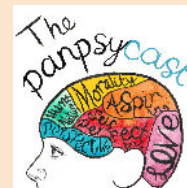


**Lewis: Mere Christianity**  
*CS Lewis's legendary broadcasts during WW2 - a clear introduction to the faith*  
ISBN: 9780007461219

## Podcasts



**In Our Time**  
*A Radio 4 classic offering a deep-dive into some of the key ethical and philosophical theories. Brilliant for getting you really thinking.*



**The Pansycast**  
*An informal and informative podcast which explores every A Level topic in an engaging and thought-provoking style.*