

Religion, Philosophy and Ethics

Year 11 into year 12 summer work

Your task:

You are writing a letter for Park Life – the school’s magazine about the importance of Religion, Philosophy and Ethics.

- Think about your audience – the magazine is read by all students in the school: year 7 all the way to year 13. However, the magazine has a wider readership including teachers, parents and visitors to the school.
- Consider the language you would use – how can you make your article challenging yet accessible?

Key points to include:

- ✓ Definitions of religion, philosophy and ethics
- ✓ Names and theories of at least three key thinkers. You can select from the list below, or you can research your own:
 - *Plato*
 - *Aristotle*
 - *St Thomas Aquinas*
 - *Renè Descartes*
 - *St Augustine*
 - *Jeremy Bentham*
 - *Immanuel Kant*
 - *John Stuart Mill*
 - *Joseph Fletcher*
- ✓ Skills that can be developed from studying religion, philosophy and ethics to a higher level and how these transferable skills could be of use to you in the future
- ✓ The importance of studying religion, philosophy and ethics when there has been a rise in acts of discrimination and intolerance around the world. (include specific examples)

Online sources

The following online sources might be of use, but of course, feel free to conduct your own research:

- www.philosophybites.com
- www.rsrevision.com
- www.peped.prg
- www.bbc.co.uk/religion
- www.bbc.co.uk/ethics
- www.alevelphilosophy.co.uk
- www.utilitarianism.com
- www.allaboutphilosophy.org
- www.philosophypages.com

Final points

- Your article should be 500 words not including any titles or headings. You can include pictures.
- You should bring with you a printed copy of your article, and ensure that you have an electronic version saved.