

Religious Studies

Course preparation over the long summer break:

Having a wider background to Philosophy, Ethics and the New Testament will be a benefit to you in September. With this in mind it is expected that you will do **some** reading or study over the summer:

Book resources (available in loads of libraries):

Great introductions:

Philosophy for Dummies ISBN: 0470688203

Ethics for Dummies ISBN: 0470650443

The Bible for Dummies ISBN: 0764552961

Sophie's World - ISBN: 9781474602280

Find a copy of the New Jerusalem Bible and read the general introduction and the introduction to the New Testament.

If you are feeling adventurous:

Read Peter Vardy's The Puzzle of God ISBN: 0006281435

Read Peter Vardy's The Puzzle of Ethics ISBN: 0006281443

Read Richard Burridge's Four Gospels, One Jesus ISBN: 0281056781

Read Peter Vardy & Mary Mills The Puzzle of the Gospels ISBN: 0765601664

Media resources:

News:

- Try to read a broadsheet newspaper weekly (The Times / The Independent / The Guardian) or Sky news or BBC news. This will assist you in learning about the current Ethics/ Philosophical and Christian issues in our world.

Television:

- The Big Questions – BBC 1 Sunday morning at 10am. A religious debate programmes focused on some of the major key Philosophical and ethical modern day issues.
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b007zpll>
- Question Time with Fiona Bruce, BBC 1 Thursday 10.30pm. A weekly debate programme focused on political discussions concerning our modern day society.
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006t1q9>
- NETFLIX - If you have access to Netflix, there is a show 'The Good Place', which covers a range of Ethical theories, drip feeding you knowledge, whilst entertaining you.

Podcast:

- Panpsycast Pod-casts A weekly 'informal and informative' philosophy podcast inspiring and supporting students, teachers, academics and free-thinkers worldwide:
<https://thepanpsycast.com/episodes-by-category/>

Useful Websites:

- EDEXCEL – For course documentation, past papers and the Anthology - which you would be wise to familiarise yourself with.
<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/religious-studies-2016.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Category%2FSpecification-and-sample-assessments>
- True Tube – a website with short philosophical, ethical and Christian focused videos centering on all the key themes covered within the course. <http://www.truetube.co.uk/>
- Rsrevision.com – A comprehensive site focused on revision and subject knowledge content including subject knowledge and resources. <http://rsrevision.com/contents/index.htm>
- Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy - a fantastic research site with lots of additional reading and information concerning key Philosophical concepts. <http://plato.stanford.edu/>
- BBC Religions and Ethics – a selection of short videos and written information concerning modern day ethical issues. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/sections/big-questions>
- Ethical theories kept simple! - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7pnuZod8Cg>
- Plato on: The Forms - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MgotDFs6cdE>
- Philosophy – Aristotle - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=csIW4W_DYX4
- Komilla Chadha, a philosophy and ethics student who has created a number of short but comprehensive revision videos for all students. <https://www.youtube.com/user/CuteChadz>

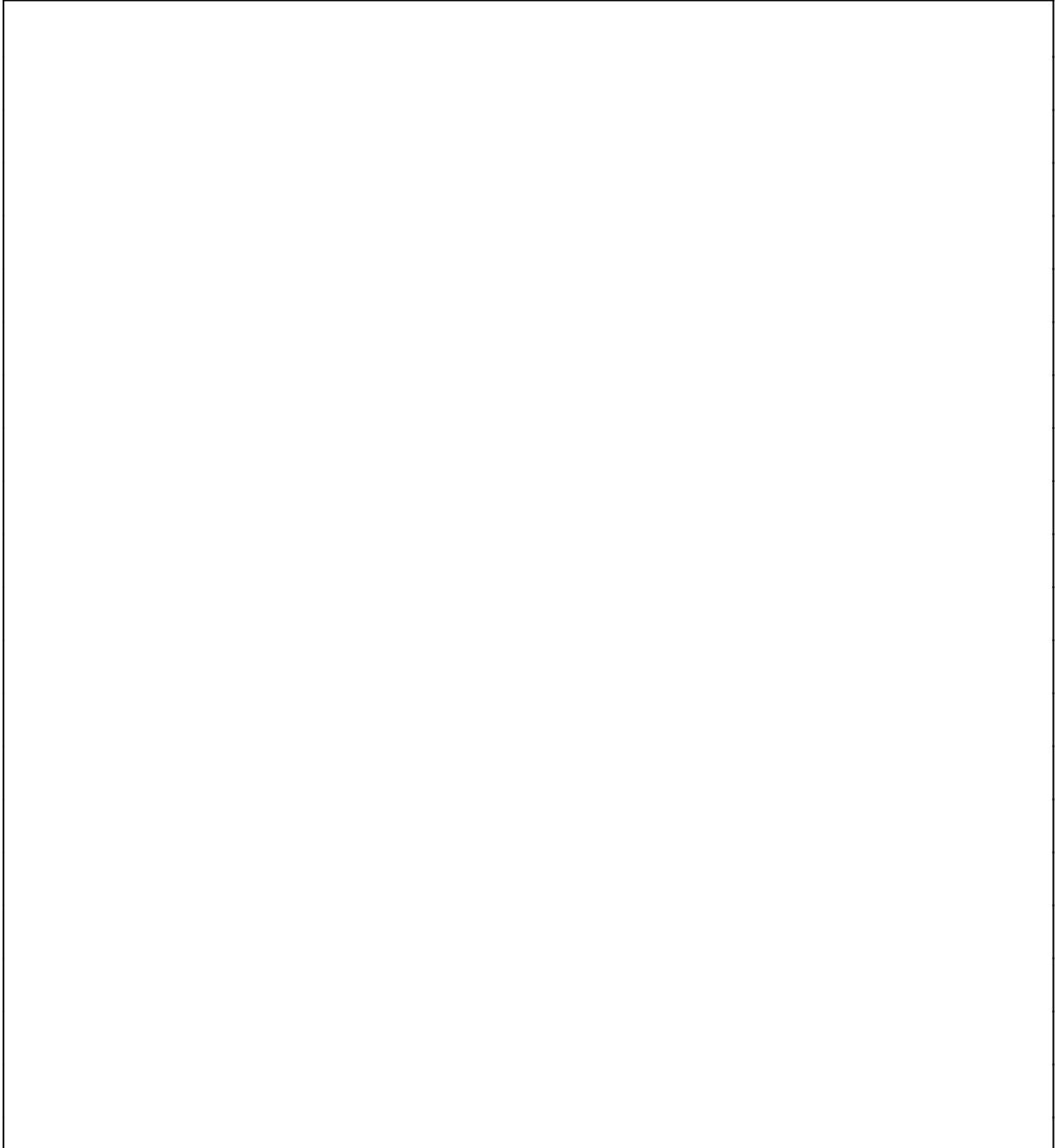
Task:

1. **Select a resource from each of the above suggestions (book, media, website)**
2. **Read/use your chosen resources. Highlight/annotate/make notes as you use them**
3. **From your notes, produce a record on the following pages, about your preparation studies for the three areas of the course (philosophy, Ethics, New Testament) Don't let this task worry you. This is not a formal essay (you can even use bullets/diagrams), but do be careful not to waffle; we would like a condensed record of your course preparation.**

Philosophy

Objectives:

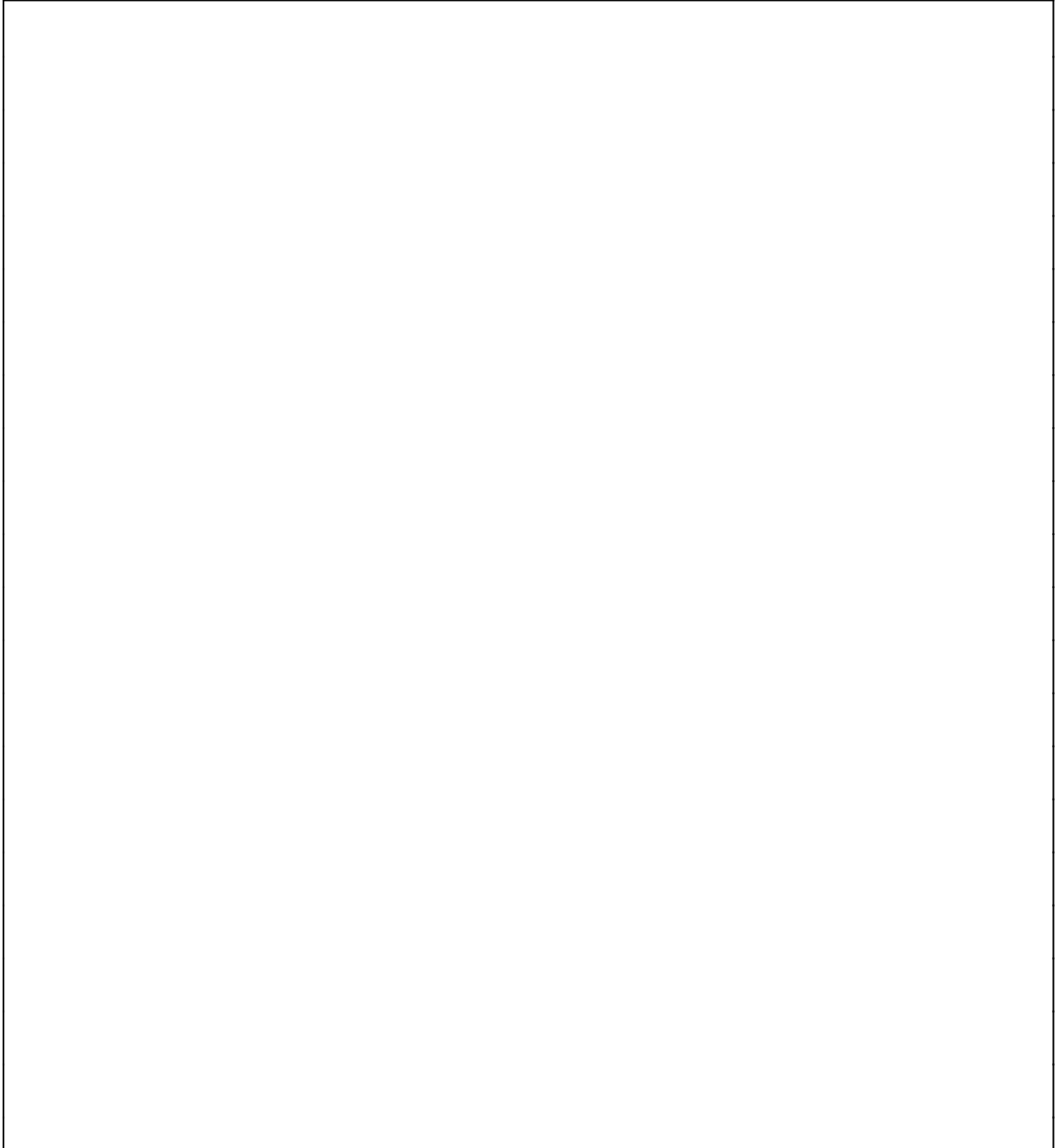
- To capture the range and extent of my course preparation in a way which communicates to my new teacher, the enthusiasm and work ethic which I will bring to the course.

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Ethics

Objectives:

- To capture the range and extent of my course preparation in a way which communicates to my new teacher, the enthusiasm and work ethic which I will bring to the course.

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New Testament

Objectives:

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