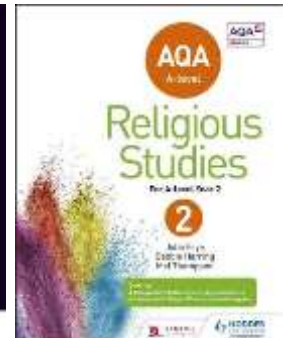
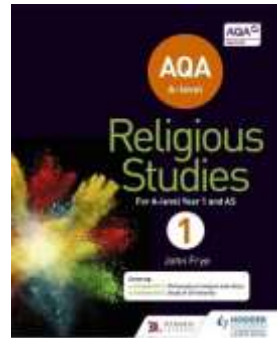


Welcome to A Level Religious Studies

What you can read:

1. A Level Religious Studies Specifications: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/as-and-a-level> Year 1 (7061) Year 2 (7062)
2. Craig, E. *Philosophy: A Very Short Introduction*, OUP 2002
3. Vardy, P. *The Puzzle of Ethics*, SCM Press 1999
4. McGrath, A. *Christianity: An Introduction*, Blackwell Publishing 2015



What you can watch:

Below are some of the skills/topics that you will be learning when you join us at Burnley College. Here are some videos for you to watch to get you started on those topics and/or skills:

1. **Crash Course Philosophy:**
Design/Teleological argument: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7e9v_fsZB6A
Ontological argument: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FmTsS5xFA6k&t=1s> and
Cosmological argument: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TgisehuGOyY&t=2s>
2. **Faith, Philosophy and Life:** A channel created by an A Level teacher provides a summary of every topic we study <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9LbTDD3-Ny9szGC1cHL9fw>
3. **Philosophy and More:** An A Level student who has created a brief summary of every topic: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCZsEY0dn9O02zVg7mV4t8w>
4. **How to write an evaluative essay:** Charlotte Vardy provides a detailed explanation to develop critical analysis and evaluation skills: blog post: <https://divinityphilosophy.net/2019/05/30/trade-c-video-simple/> YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nc9zoavJy3o>
5. **TED talk by Kwame Anthony Appiah:** Understand the place of religion in society: https://www.ted.com/talks/kwame_anthony_appiah_is_religion_good_or_bad_this_is_a_trick_question/transcript#t-22290

Some of the topics and skills that you will cover:

Below are some of the topics and skills that we will cover in September and October:

Topics	Relevant skills to the topic
Design Argument	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explanation of a posteriori evidence and knowledge - Inductive reasoning - Evaluation of evidence used to prove the existence of God
Ontological Argument	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explanation of a priori knowledge - Deductive reasoning - Analytic statements - Evaluation of evidence used to prove the existence of God

Cosmological Argument	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explanation of a posteriori evidence and knowledge - Inductive reasoning - Evaluation of evidence used to prove the existence of God
Evil & Suffering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explanation and analysis of evidence used to argue God cannot exist

Tasks that you can do to be ready:

<u>Task</u>	<u>Link to the course/specification</u>
<p style="text-align: center;">Task 1.</p> <p>Watch the video on the Design argument and create a revision sheet/video/quiz detailing the key arguments, evidence, and new keywords used to show God exists.</p> <p>Mind map creator: https://www.mindmup.com/</p> <p>Quiz: Create a Kahoot quiz and add the link to your task sheet.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3.1.1 Philosophy of Religion: Design argument</p> <p>William Paley's analogical argument. Criticisms: David Hume.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Task 2.</p> <p>Research the Ontological argument. Create revision cards (Quizlet is a good app to use) to keep for the duration of the course. Use these to write brief notes, keywords, quotes, examples and evidence – get family members or friends to test your recall.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3.1.1 Philosophy of Religion: Ontological argument</p> <p>Anselm's a priori argument Criticisms: Gaunilo and Immanuel Kant</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Task 3</p> <p>Watch the Cosmological argument video and try to write an essay using Charlotte Vardy's video – assess how useful the Cosmological argument is at proving the existence of God. (HINT: The scholars David Hume and Bertrand Russell disagree with Aquinas – can you find out why they say Aquinas is false in trying to prove the existence of God?)</p> <p>This is good practice to develop essay writing skills – you can use your GCSE essay writing skills here.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3.1.1 Philosophy of Religion: Cosmological argument</p> <p>Thomas Aquinas' Way 3. The argument from contingency and necessity. Criticisms: David Hume and Bertrand Russell.</p>

Contact information

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We look forward to seeing you in September.