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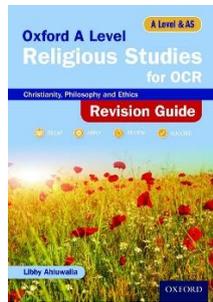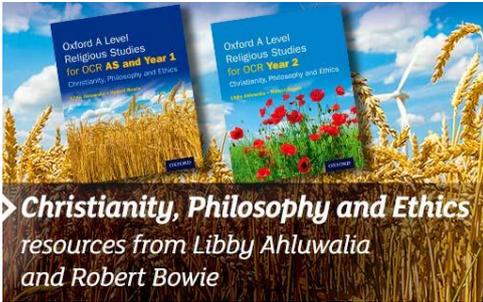
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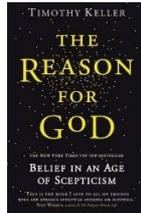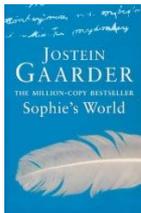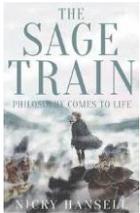## Summer Study Tasks

Course textbooks:

We also advise you to come prepared in September with all the relevant equipment, in particular you will need 3 lever arch folders for this course, along with some dividers.

Task One: Wider reading
We recommend that you choose to read one of the following books to help with your knowledge and understanding.
- The Sage Train by Nicky Hansell.
- Sophie's World by Jostein Gaarder
- Reasons for God by Timothy Keller

Task Two: Religion and ethics
Access the following website: http://thepanpsycast.com/episodes-by-category/
Listen to Episode 4: Aquinas' Natural Law Part 1 – and make notes about what Natural Law is?

Task Three: Developments in Christian Thought
DCT is about understanding the different approaches taken to Christianity and to try to get a sense of what sort of religion it needs to be as we move further into the twenty-first century. Theology is the study of religion from the inside and in this examination we will study religion in context to the changing world.
Our first topic will be on the foundations of Christianity.
Task: Research and write down your thoughts (no less than 100 words no more than 500) on
'Was Jesus the son of God or merely a teacher of wisdom?'

Task Four: Philosophy of Religion: Research Plato's theory of forms. Watch 'The Matrix' and write a 300 word summary to explain how the film reflects Plato's theory of forms.

'Charity shop challenge'
The challenge is to try and find books related to Christian theology, philosophy and ethics from your local charity shops.
These books will help you with your wider reading and develop the breadth of your knowledge and understanding.
Prizes for those with the most books!!