

A level Religious Studies: Reading List



Philosophy:

- Gaarder, J. (1995) *Sophie's World* , London : Phoenix House

A very accessible book: a story, written mostly in the form of letters, about a young girl who encounters key philosophical questions and key figures in western philosophy. A great introduction to the history of western philosophy.

- Davies, B. (1993) *An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion*, Oxford: Oxford University Press

A more challenging read but touches on many of the topics covered on the Philosophy side of the course. This book will be very useful for extra reading throughout the course.

- Annas, J. (1998) *An Introduction to Plato's Republic*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

A challenging read but chapters 9 and 10 particularly useful for the Plato unit of A level.

Ethics:

- Vardy, P.(1999) *The Puzzle of Ethics*, SCM Press

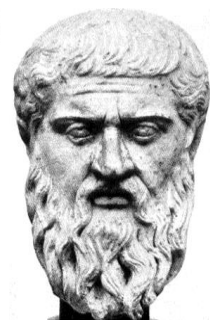
A good introduction to different ethical theories and their application to various ethical issues, this book will be very useful for extra reading throughout the course.

- Norman, R. (1998) *The Moral Philosophers*, Oxford: Oxford University Press

Religious Thought:

- McGrath, A. (2015) *Christianity: An Introduction*, Blackwell Publishing.

An accessible introduction to Christianity beliefs, teachings and practices that assumes no prior knowledge.



We have most of these books (and lots more!) within the department so please do ask if you would like to borrow any of them. We can also recommend the most relevant chapters for the A level Religious Studies course.

Happy reading!