

A Level Bridging Unit - Philosophy and Ethics

Wider Reading (80 Marks per book)

Have a go at sourcing and reading one of the following books. Write a brief review on it.

(The LRC and the P&E department has some of these books, but so will your local library. Some of them are less than £1 on Amazon)

Books on Philosophy

- The God Delusion Richard Dawkins
- Teach Yourself Philosophy of Religion Mel Thompson
- Philosophy A Graphic Guide Dave Johnson

Books on Ethics

- Teach Yourself Ethics Mel Thompson
- A very short introduction to Ethics or Being Good.... Simon Blackburn

Books on Development in Christian Thought

- The Story of the Book Terence Copley
- The Shack William Young

Films (40 Marks per film)

Watch the following movies and write a film review.

- The Matrix
- The Truman Show
- A Short Stay in Switzerland
- The Seventh Seal
- Love and Death
- The Fountain
- I Heart Huckabees
- Waking Life
- Memento

Places and Experiences (60 Marks)

Complete an experience/visit and write a 500 word reflection on it.

- A Church or Cathedral
- Take a stroll around a graveyard and note how the sentiments on gravestones change over time
- Your own mind (have a go at meditation, yoga etc.)
- Help someone in need (elderly, homeless etc.)

Essays/Opinions (80 Marks)

Research one of the following topics and write a 500 word summary of what you have found out and your opinions on them.

- The Cosmological argument
- The Problem of Evil
- Utilitarianism
- Conscience
- Original Sin
- Gender in Religion

Feel free to investigate any other places/books/films/plays or activities that you think would be appropriate to the P&E course.