

Stretch and Challenge Activities for Religious Studies

KS3

- Check out BBC Bitesize Religious Studies pages for Christianity, Islam, Non-Religious Beliefs, and Morals, Ethics and Philosophy:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zh3rkqt>
- Create revision resources for end of topic tests/ assessments.
- There are some good videos about Christianity, Islam, and RSE on TrueTube:
<https://www.truetube.co.uk/list?keystages=key%20stage%203&page=1>
- Check out the excellent videos from the Bible Project, either on YouTube or through their website: <https://bibleproject.com/> /
<https://www.youtube.com/user/jointhebibleproject>

KS4

- Create revision resources for end of topic tests/ assessments.
- Check out Eduqas's Online Resources (the relevant topics are Foundational Catholic Theology, Applied Catholic Theology, and Judaism):
<https://resources.eduqas.co.uk/Pages/ResourceByArgs.aspx?subId=26&lvlId=2>
- Look at and try out some past paper questions:
- **GCSE (Route B, Full Course):** https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/religious-studies-gcse/#tab_pastpapers
- **A LEVEL:** https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/religious-studies-as-a-level/#tab_pastpapers
- Keep up to date with current issues by reading newspapers/ watching the news. You could discuss with your child the impact of such issues on an individual person and the community as a whole, as well as asking their opinion.
- Watching TV programmes such as 'The Big Question' which discusses a range of philosophical and ethical issues. This is on Sundays at 10am on BBC1. You could also watch any documentaries about religion, many of which you can find on BBC iPlayer and 4od.
- Discuss philosophical and ethical issues in the home. When discussing relevant issues at home, make sure to also consider opposing points of view.
- There are some more ideas below: Check out some of the A-Level Further Reading and Research Opportunities Below.

KS5 – Further Reading or Research Opportunities:

Many of the suggestions above will still be useful to you at KS5.

- **NewAdvent’s Catholic Encyclopedia:** <https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/> (also, check out New Advent’s pages about the Church Fathers: <https://www.newadvent.org/fathers/>, or St Thomas Aquinas’s Summa Theologiae: <https://www.newadvent.org/summa/>)
- **Religious Literacy for Daily Life:** <https://religionforbreakfast.com/> + his YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ReligionForBreakfast>
- **Faith & Science at the Templeton Foundation:** <https://www.templeton.org/discoveries>
- **Comparative Religion:** <http://www.studiesincomparativereligion.com/Public/default.aspx>
- **Secular Philosophy:** <https://www.edge.org/>
- **Secular Biblical Study Blog** from Bart Ehrman (offering one month free subscription at the time of this listing – all paid subscriptions go to charity, not to Bart): <https://ehrmanblog.org/>
- **Society of Biblical Literature** – leading scholars share the latest historical and literary research on key people, places and passages of the Bible: <http://www.bibleodyssey.org/>
- **British Library, Sacred Texts & Ethics:** <https://www.bl.uk/sacred-texts> & <https://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/takingliberties/index.html>
- **Open Access Journals:** <https://doaj.org/> > ‘Browse by Subjects’ > ‘Philosophy. Psychology. Religion’
- **Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy** – an A-Z guide to key philosophers and philosophical ideas: <https://plato.stanford.edu/>
- **School of Life** - series of short videos on everything from politics and philosophy to love and fulfilment: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDiyQub6vpw> The film on Jacques Derrida’s Philosophy will get you thinking and questioning! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0tnHr2dqTs>

- **RE Online** - its Subject Knowledge tab has useful extra info on the 3 A Level components, most of the world religions and on the thinking behind studying religion: <https://www.reonline.org.uk>
- **Philosophers Magazine** – thought provoking articles, often related to current affairs, and Philosophical puzzles in the Articles and Games tabs: <https://www.philosophersmag.com/>
- **Peped.org** – a whole mixture of resources including tips on how to get a better grade, podcasts, videos and other materials to boost and challenge your subject knowledge and thinking: <https://peped.org/>
- **Ted Talks** – so many interesting ones! <https://www.ted.com/talks>
Try: Dan Gilbert ‘Why we make bad decisions’; Richard Dawkins ‘Militant Atheism’; Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie ‘We should all be feminists’; and Damien Horowitz ‘Philosophy in Prison’. Use the search engine to find talks that interest you. Ask yourself - whether / how far you agree with the ideas?
What are the strengths and weaknesses of this viewpoint? Is it relevant / important today? Does it link with any ideas you have already studied?
- Sharpen your **Philosophical and Ethical debate skills** with knowledge of common Logical Fallacies & Biases: <https://yourlogicalfallacyis.com/> & <https://yourbias.is/>
- **Concept Map** - Design a Concept Map for one of the philosophical, religious or ethical ideas studied and add as many connecting ideas as you can from other areas of study.
- **Create your own up to date resource bank.** Find a current news story or incident that is relevant to an idea or event you have been studying in RS and explain the connection. Create your own resource bank of such examples to use when applying theories and writing essays.