

# Preparing for Philosophy, Ethics and DCT A-Level

## Where to begin?

Familiarise yourself with the spec- this is what you will be learning for the next 2 years

You need to focus in sections H573/01, H573/02, & H573/03

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/242913-specification-accredited-a-level-gce-religious-studies-h573.pdf>



## What books can I read?

These will be harder to find but you may get an Amazon second-hand copy!

Best overall that everyone should read is:

### Jostein Gaarder – Sophie's World

Kindle edition 99p

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Sophies-World-Novel-History-Philosophy-ebook/dp/B003TSDI0E/ref=reads\\_cwrtbar\\_2/258-1684723-7633966?encoding=UTF8&pd\\_rd\\_i=B003TSDI0E&pd\\_rd\\_r=34b96e51-33f5-475a-8b60-016936c96f25&pd\\_rd\\_w=LEZLI&pd\\_rd\\_wg=DjmbQ&pf\\_rd\\_p=8f88a126-d685-433d-bbda-457ead9bfb4d&pf\\_rd\\_r=VWGHX30GFSX8GFB4GA5D&psc=1&refRID=VWGHX30GFSX8GFB4GA5D](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Sophies-World-Novel-History-Philosophy-ebook/dp/B003TSDI0E/ref=reads_cwrtbar_2/258-1684723-7633966?encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=B003TSDI0E&pd_rd_r=34b96e51-33f5-475a-8b60-016936c96f25&pd_rd_w=LEZLI&pd_rd_wg=DjmbQ&pf_rd_p=8f88a126-d685-433d-bbda-457ead9bfb4d&pf_rd_r=VWGHX30GFSX8GFB4GA5D&psc=1&refRID=VWGHX30GFSX8GFB4GA5D)

**These are the textbooks we use:**

- L. Ahluwalia, *Oxford A Level Religious Studies for OCR (course textbook)*
- H. Campbell, M. Wilkinson, M. Wilcockson, *OCR Religious Studies A Level and Year 1 As (course textbook)*

**Note you do not have to buy books for your course these are provided...just if you wanted to!**

## What can I watch?

- **School of Life**

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwxNMb28XmpeypJMhfNbJ4RAfKrtmAN3P>

- **Crash Course Philosophy**

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8dPuualjXtNgK6MZucdYldNkMybYIHKR>

- **Philosophy According to Eddie**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=konY59kkDNE&list=PLGCa2kw07x09m5VrQX6mYhUEh0vZdW9Ly>

- **Ethics according to Eddie**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2uSxntNzDk&list=PLGCa2kw07x08GKERZIKNVuB\\_GvtgoOtCR](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2uSxntNzDk&list=PLGCa2kw07x08GKERZIKNVuB_GvtgoOtCR)

- **Christianity according to Eddie**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iwJcZ2G\\_6ql&list=PLGCa2kw07x09xqujcpDDNL4zXPwlgogdE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iwJcZ2G_6ql&list=PLGCa2kw07x09xqujcpDDNL4zXPwlgogdE)

## What can I listen to?

- The Panpsycast- this is a great Podcast and is used for wider reading homework within the course in more detail <https://thepanpsycast.com/home>
- BBC Sounds has some great podcasts, good place to stretch yourself though

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01f0vzr?page=1>

For our course you could concentrate on the ones below by simply searching them on BBC sounds:

- Plato's Republic
- St Thomas Aquinas
- Augustine
- The Ontological Argument
- The Soul
- Redemption
- Kant
- Relativism
- Utilitarianism
- William James

## What websites can I use?

- <https://peped.org/> - worksheets and reading material
- <https://ithinkthereforeiteach.com/> - this one has lots of videos explaining topics that we cover
  - <http://www.philosopherkings.co.uk/> - lots and lots of reading resources here