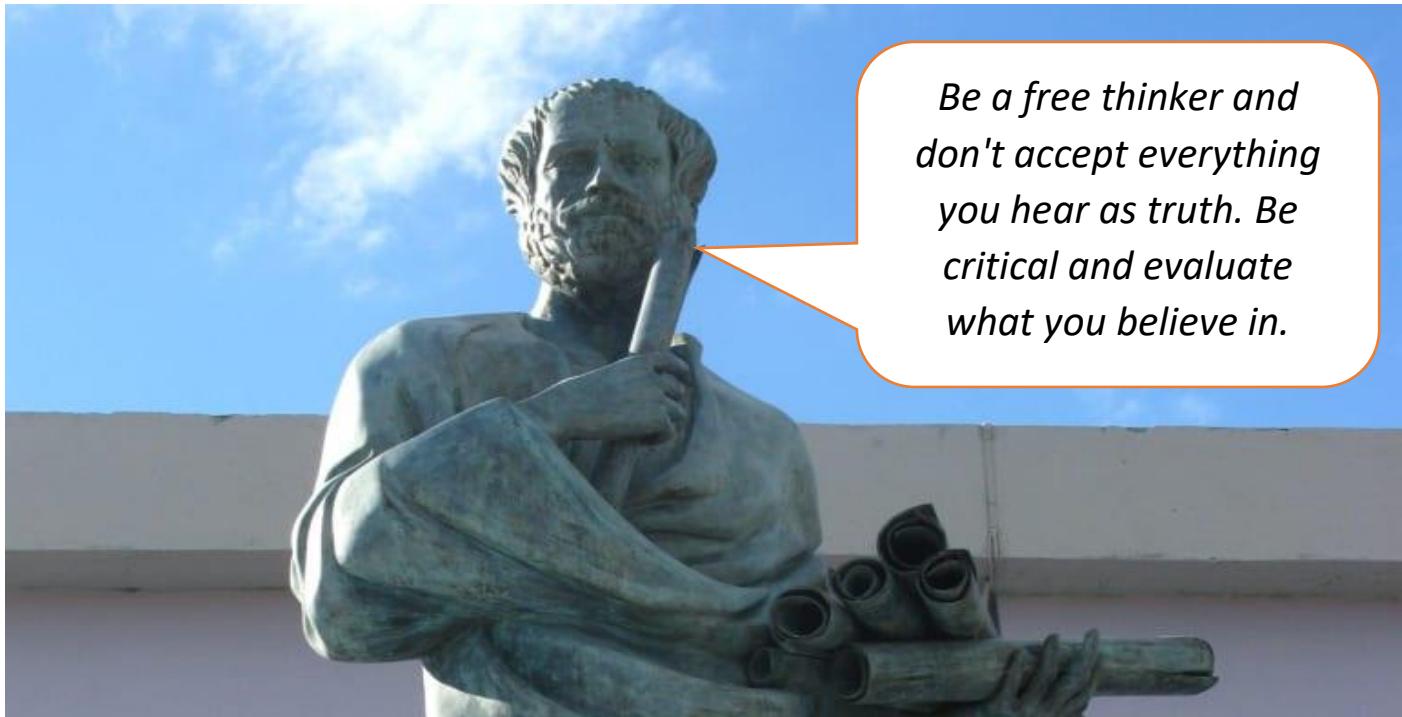


A Level

Philosophy & Ethics

Year 11 to 12 Transition

Work



Be a free thinker and don't accept everything you hear as truth. Be critical and evaluate what you believe in.

Welcome, year 11!

You've chosen to take philosophy and ethics at A level this September, and good decision at that! The pack is designed to give you a flavour of it is all about. The pack will introduce you to some core philosophical, ethical and theological concepts and events, to aid your understanding ready for sixth form. Don't feel you need to complete it all in one go! You can complete the tasks in this booklet in the spaces provided.

You will also need to read alongside this the wider reading and listening guide to help complete the tasks.

Task One: What is Philosophy and Ethics?

Go to the link below:

- What is Philosophy? (Crash Course)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1A_CAkYt3GY

Now complete the following task below in the space provided:

Watch each of the videos one at a time, once fully without making notes and then a second time to be able to write things down that you found.

Summarise the main ideas of each video in no more than 3 sentences. Make sure you include subheadings in your notes.

Write a list of 10 interesting things you've learnt about ethics, trying to focus on any new vocabulary you have learnt to help when you begin task two below.

Top 10 interesting ethical facts

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Task Two: key language for Philosophy and Ethics?

Search the internet to give explanations for the key language for the Philosophy and Ethics A level.

Term	Explanation
Logic	
Epistemology	
Metaphysics	

Ethics	
Validity	
Syllogism	
Major premise	
Minor premise	
A priori	
A posteriori	
Sense experience	
Predicate	
Tautology	
Empiricism	
Cosmological	
Ontological	
Teleological	
Logical fallacy	
Transcendental leap	
Analytic statement	

Synthetic statement	
Normative ethics	
Applied ethics	
Meta-ethics	
Emotivism	
Subjectivism	
Divine command theory	
Natural Law	
Existentialism	
Teleological theories	
Deontological theories	
Relativist theory	

Task Three: Making a Case

Now I would like you to make a case for and against a particular issue. Philosophy and Ethics at A level will require you to make judgements about issues.

You need to create a for/against case for one of the following issues:

- Does God exist?
- Is there an afterlife?
- Was Jesus really the Son of God?
- Do all people go to heaven when they die?
- Should abortion be made illegal?
- Should euthanasia be made legal?

This will require you to write at least three paragraphs (approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 full typed A4 page – but if you like you can write more). Try to include evidence or scholars to support the points you make.

I've written a sample paragraph below – I'm interested in you ARGUING your case with evidence!

Some would argue that all people do indeed go to heaven when they die. This is because of the belief that God is benevolent, all loving. In the Bible it states that 'God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.' This clearly shows that because God is benevolent His love would mean that no-one would ever go to hell when they die. Furthermore, many people would question why God would punish someone forever if He is meant to be all-loving. On the other hand, many people would argue that not all people go to heaven as some people, like Hitler, would not deserve to go there. Heaven is a place for the sinless and therefore would not make sense if Hitler went there. Additionally, many Christians would argue that faith is really important, why should all people go to heaven, they need to believe in Jesus to be able to go there which is a fundamental Christian belief.

Write your paragraphs below.

Task Four: Key scholar Research

In Philosophy and Ethics you will be introduced to many scholars to support arguments you make in your essays. I want you to create a Wikipedia page about your chosen scholar. This needs to be one page of A4 typed or hand-written work. Don't simply copy from Wikipedia use several sources for your information.

In this you need to make sure you have completed the following success criteria:

- When were they alive?
 - What key books did they write?
 - What key issues did they write about?
 - Are there any key quotes?
 - Do you find their work convincing?
 - Use an image too!

The following scholars to choose to research from are:

- Plato
- Aristotle
- St Augustine
- St Thomas Aquinas
- Richard Swinburne
- Mary Daly
- Joseph Fletcher
- Jeremy Bentham

