 

**Religious Studies Department**

**Super Curriculum**

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| **Reading (books and journals)** | | |
| Title by Authors Name |  | |
| ***A Little History of Religion*** by Richard Holloway | Easy to read. Follows the development of Religion(s) chronologically. Great at putting religions into context. | |
| ***The Philosopher Queens*** byRebecca Buxton & Lisa Whiting | Excellent book with chapters on lesser-known female philosophers through the ages, each written by a contemporary female philosopher | |
| ***How the World Thinks*** by Julian Baggini | A global overview of Philosophy in the world | |
| ***Sophie’s World*** by Jostein Gaarder | Novel written for teenagers; a great introduction to Philosophy |
| ***The God Delusion*** by Richard Dawkins | 2006 book by British evolutionary biologist, Richard Dawkins. One of the most well-known critiques of religion. We recommend you follow it up with ***The Dawkins Delusion*** by Alister McGrath (copy in the school library) |
| ***Plato’s Republic*** by Angie Hobbs (A Ladybird Expert Book) | An excellent and simple introduction to one of the greatest philosophical works by a professor of Philosophy who has spoken at our school |
| ***The Philosopher’s Daughters*** by Peter Vardy | Peter Vardy, one of the world’s most respected theologian-philosophers, answers 54 profound questions about life asked by his young daughters in this unique and thought-provoking book. If you like this, try his Puzzle of God/ Ethics/ Christianity books. |
| ***A Very Short Introduction*** series | These books are excellent; written by experts in their fields, they cover a range of topics, including Theology, Islam, Sikhism etc. A great way into a topic. |
| *There are so many books the RS department could recommend. If you have a particular area of interest come and talk to us and we will make recommendations specific to your needs*. | |
| **Podcasts** | | |
| The RE Podcast (all key stages) | <https://www.therepodcast.co.uk/>  Excellent Podcast, very accessible and covers a wide range of topics and issues. | |
| The Panpsycast Philosophy Podcast (key stages 4 & 5) | <https://thepanpsycast.com/>  Excellent podcast that includes the A-level specification and interviews with some of the biggest names in Philosophy | |
| Beyond Belief (Radio 4) (all key stages) | <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006s6p6/episodes/player>  Series exploring the place and nature of faith in today's world | |
| In Our Time (Radio 4) (key Stage 4 & 5) | <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qykl/episodes/downloads>  A huge collection of podcasts on religion and philosophy with experts in their fields discussing big ideas. | |
| **MOOCs and on-line opportunities** | | |
| University of Chester TRS Webinars  <https://vimeo.com/channels/1613728/videos/page:2> | A series of webinars recorded by the Theology & Religion Department. Aimed at A-level students, but accessible and on a range of topics, including Buddhism, Theology, Philosophy and more | |
| History of Ideas, BBC Radio 4  <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b04bwydw> | Short, animated b=video introductions to some of the most important ideas in History. | |
| **Films** | | |
| ***Prince of Egypt*** | Animated version of the Exodus story | |
| ***The Miracle Maker*** | Animated version of Life of Jesus | |
| ***Joseph*** | Musical of the story of Joseph from Book of Genesis | |
| ***Mary Magdalene*** | 2018 film about the Life of Jesus from the perspective of a female disciple | |
| **Awards and competitions**  *There are many competitions announced each year; below are just some examples. Ask Mrs Steele if you would like more information.* | | |
| **Spirited Arts** | [www.natre.org.uk](http://www.natre.org.uk) | |
| **Bible Society** | <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/> | |
| **Sheffield Uni Philosophy Essay Competition** | [Philosophy Essay Competition 2023 | Philosophy | The University of Sheffield](https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/philosophy/events/essay-competition) | |
| **Places to visit** | | |
| Leamington Gurdwara | A very welcoming Sikh place of worship. You will be welcomed and fed!  See <https://www.leamingtongurdwara.org/> for details. | |
| Coventry Cathedral | Really important local place of worship.  See <https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/> for visiting times etc. | |
| Shree Krishna Mandir, Leamington | Hindu temple in Leamington. 12 Crown Terrace, Leamington Spa CV31 3AN. May be best to phone in advance. | |