



## A Level Religious Studies Summer Task 2025



### How to be successful in RS

You need to need to be able to apply your RS knowledge by writing a **good essay**, involving critical evaluation of ideas. English Language/Lit, History and Sociology and other essay-based A level subjects will all support you with the skills needed. The expectations for homework will be at least 1 hour per lesson for each side of the course. In addition to this, independent reading will be expected of texts from outside the course text book.

There are 3 aspects to the RS course, worth 33% each:

- Religion and Philosophy
- Religion and Ethics
- Developments in Christian Thought

Please complete the tasks below for submission in your first lesson in September.



**Watch** the presentation on Utilitarianism. It introduces

Bentham's and Mill's Utilitarian Arguments. It will develop your ability to analyse philosophical arguments.

**TASK 1: Complete** a half-page profile of Bentham and another of J.S.Mill. (**Ethics**)

[Utilitarianism](#)

*Crash Course Philosophy*

**Time: 1hr**



**Watch** this lecture on the Person of Jesus of Nazareth.

It will give you an overview of the Person of Jesus.

**TASK 2:** Answer the question 'who was Jesus?' in 500 words.

*(Developments in Christian Thought)*

[The Person of Jesus](#)

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**Time: 2hrs**



**TASK 3: Complete** a half-page profile of each of the following thinkers:

**Plato** – including his Forms and Allegory of the Cave

**Aristotle** – including his Four Causes and Prime Mover

**St Augustine of Hippo** – including his ideas on Original Sin and his response to Problem of Evil (**Philosophy of Religion**)

**Time: 2hrs**



**Watch** the TED talk below which looks at how plenty of good

things are done in the name of religion, and plenty of bad things too. (**Ethics**)

**TASK 4:** Write 500 words on whether you think religion is good or bad.

[Is Religion Good or Bad?](#)

*TED Talks – Kwame Anthony Appiah*

**Time: 1hr**