

HFCSixth A-Level Philosophy, Ethics, and Religion <i>Preparation Work Summer 2025</i>	Here are things to watch , or to listen . They include podcasts, documentaries, and radio broadcast	Here are things to read . Some are novels, others are short stories or thought experiments. Some are dialogues.	Here are things to do . They include tasks and research that you can complete in preparation.
Our course is divided into three equal components that you will study simultaneously. Therefore, the tasks have been divided accordingly.			
Component 1: Philosophy of Religion. This component introduces the world of Philosophy and thought. You will study methods of understanding reality and apply these to questions of faith and knowledge.	An introduction to Plato The School of Athens Ockham's Razor Thinking About God The Russell/Coppleston Debate 1 hour Socrates in Prison Introduction to Descartes or watch Pixar's Soul and The Matrix!	Learn more about Plato and Socrates with these dialogues: Theaetetus, by Plato Meno, by Plato Euthyphro, by Plato Phaedo, by Plato The Myth of Er, Plato Evil and the God of Love, Hick Introduction to Formal Logic Or some Borges Philosophical short stories: The Library of Babel, Borges The Rose of Paracelsus, Borges	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research and find definitions for the words: <i>Rationalism, Empiricism, Epistemology, Cosmology, Teleology.</i> 2. Draw an annotated diagram of Plato's cave analogy. 3. Create a timeline of 10 of the most important Philosophers of all time. 4. Find 5 reasons that Plato and Aristotle disagreed with each other.
Component 2: Religious Ethics	Meet Philippa Foot Business Ethics: The Pencil Terry Pratchett: Choosing to die first 30 minutes only	Utilitarianism, JS Mill The Pig that Wants to be Eaten, Baginini Situation Ethics: The New Morality, Joseph Fletcher	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research and find the definitions for the types of ethical thought: Normative, Agent-based, Meta, Applied. 2. Create a table with all of the justifications for and against the legalisation of euthanasia. 3. Research <i>utilitarianism</i> and <i>natural moral law</i> and create a profile on Bentham and Aquinas and their views on

			ethics.
Component 3: Developments in Christian Thought	Augustine's Confessions Perfect Being Theology About: Dietrich Bonhoeffer About: Purgatory The Fall	Historical Figure of Jesus of Nazareth The Quest for the Historical Jesus, Schwietzer Confessions, St Augustine Costly Grace Chapter 1, Bonhoeffer Institutes of the Christian Faith, Calvin Chapter 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research and create definitions for the keywords: <i>Natural Theology, Special Revelation, General Revelation, Theology, Theodicy, Human Nature, Free Will, Sanctity of Life</i> 2. Create a mind-map for heaven, hell, and purgatory.