**Preparing for A Level Religious Studies or want to just develop your knowledge of Religion, Philosophy and Ethics further?**

**Developing as a philosopher/critical thinker of Religious Studies** – through general reading around / watching videos / listening to podcasts etc. to develop your knowledge and understanding.

**Why is Religious Studies important?**

* Issues of religion and belief frequently top the news agenda and RE helps make sense of them.
* RE allows young people growing up in a diverse society to understand the views and opinions of people whose beliefs and values differ from their own.
* RE provides space for young people to reflect on their own ideas and develop their thoughts about questions of meaning.

Below includes, websites, books, podcasts, documentaries and even films which provide a great way of staying inspired and engaging with ***Religion, Philosophy and Ethics.***

**ONLINE NEWS ARTICLES**

**BBC NEWS** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news>

An excellent source of up-to-date articles – explore the key headings in ***Ethics and Religion in the world.***

**Newspapers such as The Guardian** <https://www.theguardian.com/uk> **and iNews** <https://inews.co.uk/>

Many useful articles on Ethics and Religion in the ‘World’ section.

**PODCASTS**

**Everyday Ethics -** Provocative weekly debate on moral, religious and ethical issues.

<https://player.fm/series/everyday-ethics-1301533>

**The Panpsycast Philosophical Podcast -** A weekly 'informal and informative' philosophy podcast inspiring and supporting students, teachers, academics and free-thinkers worldwide.

[**https://player.fm/series/series-2300639**](https://player.fm/series/series-2300639)

**Thought for the Day -** Reflections from a faith perspective on issues and people in the news.

[**https://player.fm/series/thought-for-the-day-1301215**](https://player.fm/series/thought-for-the-day-1301215)

**In our Time; Religion -** Discussion of religious movements and the theories and individuals behind them.

[**https://player.fm/series/in-our-time-religion**](https://player.fm/series/in-our-time-religion)

**Philosophical, Ethical or Religious themed documentaries**

* **The Big Questions – BBC iPlayer.** Nicky Campbell hosts a series of moral, ethical and religious debates. Lots of current and controversial issues discussed with arguments given from different sides.
* **Pilgrimage – ITV Hub.** Follows a group of celebrities of different faiths on a journey of discovery and adventure.
* **Louis Theroux – BBC iPlayer.** Various documentaries exploring controversial issues. Issues such as marriage, abortion and homosexuality are explored. Check with an adult prior to watching to ensure that they are happy with you viewing this material.
* **Sacred Rivers with Simon Reeve – BBC iPlayer.** Mini-series of 3 episodes visiting a sacred River in each episode.
* **Extremely British Muslims – 4OD.** An intimate look at British Muslim life beyond the headlines.
* **TrueTube – Many clips available on a wide variety of philosophical, Ethical and religious issues.**

**Philosophical, Ethical or Religious themed Films - some will need a subscription although you may be able to find some of the films below on YouTube.**

**Netflix**

Other RPE themed films;

* The Matrix
* Selma
* The Butler
* My Sister’s Keeper

**Story of God**

**Noah**

**Pursuit of Happyness**

**12 Years A Slave**

**Groundhog Day**

**Exodus; Gods and Kings**

**100 Humans. Life’s questions.**

**Amazon Prime**

**Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

**Bruce Almighty**

**The Butterfly Effect**