**A level prep: Religious Studies**

**Specification**

We study OCR religious studies which includes Philosophy of Religion, Ethics and Developments in Christian Thought

<https://ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/religious-studies-h173-h573-from-2016/>

**Ted talks (available on YouTube)**

Peter Singer: The why and how of effective altruism

Atheism 2.0 | Alain de Botton

Science can answer moral questions | Sam Harris

Strange answers to the psychopath test | Jon Ronson (Links to business ethics)

**Books which give a good overview of parts of the course**

Puzzle of ethics by P Vardy

Puzzle of God by P Vardy

Being Human by Peter Vardy

Philosophy: A very short introduction by Edward Craig

The Sage Train by Nicky Hansell

Philosophy: The Basics by N Warburton

Being Good by S Blackburn

Ethics in the real world by P Singer

Plato: A Very Short Introduction by J Annas

**Websites**

<https://www.thelifeyoucansave.org/the-book/> Peter Singer-the life you can save free audio book

<https://www.openbookpublishers.com/htmlreader/978-1-78374-388-9/main.html> (ch. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8 are relevant to our course)

<https://thecrashcourse.com/courses/philosophy>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nFlOl_cD2ww>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b04bwydw/episodes/player> (short insights into some key concepts connected to philosophy)

<https://peped.org/>

<http://www.philosopherkings.co.uk/> (Good for the Christian developments part of the course)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/ethics/introduction/> (overview of ethical ideas)

<https://academyofideas.com/2013/08/introduction-to-ethics/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/philosophy>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDiyQub6vpw&list=PLwxNMb28XmpeypJMHfNbJ4RAFkRtmAN3P> (Introduction to various philosophers from the School of Life)