

Religious Studies A-level Summer Holiday Task

- Construct a timeline of scholars (Philosophers, Ethicists and Theologians) for your reference throughout the course to keep in the front of your folders. You may do it hand-written or typed. Include their name and dates.

Make sure you include:

Plato, Aristotle, Jesus, Irenaeus, Augustine, Boethius, Anselm, Thomas Aquinas, Descartes, Hume, Kant, William Paley, Jeremy Bentham, J.S. Mill, Sigmund Freud, Tillich, Barth, Wittgenstein, Swinburne, Dawkins, William James, John Hick, A.J. Ayer, Joseph Fletcher, Peter Singer, Calvin, Bonhoeffer, Karl Rahner, Rosemary Radford Ruether, Mary Daly, Karl Marx.

These are not in the correct order, so check their dates carefully.

We will study these key thinkers in depth throughout the next two years.

- Choose one scholar to create an A4 fact file for, including key dates, key texts and key beliefs or ideas. If you can read some original material from this scholar – even better!
<https://www.philosophybasics.com> is a good starting point for this more detailed research; click on 'individual philosopher' and find excellent information and links for your chosen scholar.

Bring both the timeline and your chosen fact file to the first lesson back.