**St Mary’s Catholic School**

**Year 11 into Year 12 Bridging Work**

**Recommended Reading List for Year 12**

**RE**

*To prepare you for your Sixth Form studies, the reading list below includes a variety of books, articles and other material to read and use, to broaden your knowledge, and to enrich your understanding of RE*

*Take some time over the summer to complete the reading below, using the tasks to help structure your reading.*

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| **Read / Watch** | **Link if this is available online** | **Tasks to complete** | **Any additional notes** |
| Listen to Natalie Haynes stands up for the Classics BBC podcasts (2 episodes: Plato-Series 2 Episode 3 and Aristotle-Series 5 Episode 1) | <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0785rmr>  <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000ckvw> | Note the key ideas of Plato and Aristotle, plus key terms (and meanings) which are explained in the episodes. Can you see any similarities between the ideas of Plato and/or Aristotle and Christian teaching? | A good place to start- humorous yet informative introduction to 2 of the foundational figures in Western Philosophy |
| Read Philosophy of religion: an overview of the issues by Michael Lacewing | Document attached. Also available at <https://michaellacewing.com/writings/introductory-and-popular-writing/philosophy-of-religion/>  (scroll down and click on the link entitled: ‘An overview of the philosophy of religion’) | Make notes on the key issues related to the concept of God, arguments for God’s existence and religious language. Also, note any questions you have as you read the material. | Lacewing outlines the key issues which will be at the heart of much of our study of the Philosophy of Religion at A Level |
| Watch Crash Course Philosophy Episodes: 1. What is Philosophy?: 2. How to argue: philosophical reasoning and 3.How to argue: Induction and Abduction. Plus any other episodes you would like to watch! | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1A_CAkYt3GY&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtNgK6MZucdYldNkMybYIHKR>  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKEhdsnKKHs&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtNgK6MZucdYldNkMybYIHKR&index=3>  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-wrCpLJ1XAw> | Make notes on:  1. The origins and development of Philosophy as a subject/ academic discipline.  2. The main branches of philosophy.  3. What is logic?  4. Types of argument- the differences between deductive, inductive and abductive arguments | These 3 videos explore the basics of philosophical reasoning- which will be useful in many topics at A Level. |
| Brain Davies An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion. Chapter 4 ‘Design Arguments’ | Document attached | Summarise and evaluate design as regularity and design as purpose | This gives you an example of how some topics covered at GCSE are explored in greater depth at A Level |
| Read this article on Is God Personal? By Leigh McLeroy. | <https://www.exploregod.com/articles/is-god-personal> | Make notes on what personal means, the Christian understanding of God and the Trinity. | This article will give you a very quick summary of some of the key elements we will study in the Christianity paper. |
| Listen to this edition of “In our Time”. The topic of discussion is the Trinity. *(You will need to scroll down the list of podcasts.)*  **This podcast is called The Trinity.** | <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01gvqlg/episodes/downloads> | Make notes on the various ideas of the Trinity. | The Trinity is the topic we begin with in the Christianity paper and so the discussion on this programme will be an excellent starting point for you. |
| Listen to this edition of “In our Time”. The topic of discussion is the Bishop Berkley. *(You will need to scroll down the list of podcasts.)*  **This podcast is called Bishop Berkley.** | <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01gvqlg/episodes/downloads> | Make notes on the views of Bishop Berkeley. | Berkley is a scholar that we study in Ethics. We look at his comments on Situation Ethics. |
| Listen to this podcast which looks at the benefits and problems of the Reformation.  Start listening at 9 minutes 0 seconds. | <https://www.premierchristianradio.com/Shows/Saturday/Unbelievable/Episodes/Unbelievable-The-Reformation-return-to-truth-or-tragic-mistake-James-White-vs-Peter-D-Williams> | Make notes on why the Reformation took place. | The Reformation is a topic we look at in Christianity and so this is an excellent starting point. |