

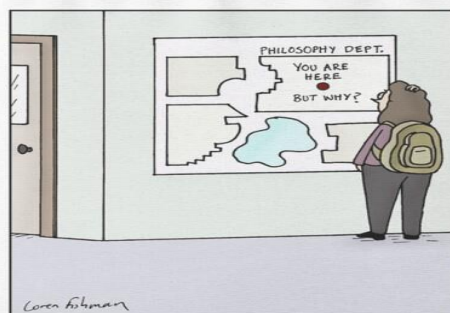


Lady Lumley's School
A Level Religious Studies
Year 11 into 12 progression booklet

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"I'd like you to do a presentation on business ethics. If you don't have time to prepare something, just steal it off the Internet."



Hello to my prospective RE group

Firstly, just let me give you some information which will help you if you are doing some research.

We are studying Edexcel A Level Religious Studies

We do the Philosophy paper, the Ethics paper and the Judaism paper

There is a course book for each:

Pearson Edexcel Religious Studies A level/AS Student Guide: Philosophy of Religion (Edexcel As/a)

by Amanda Forshaw and Cressida Tweed | 30 Aug 2019

Pearson Edexcel Religious Studies A level/AS Student Guide: Religion and Ethics (Edexcel As/a Level)

by Cressida Tweed and Amanda Forshaw | 27 Sep 2019

Essential Judaism: Updated Edition: A Complete Guide to Beliefs, Customs & Rituals

by George Robinson | 21 Apr 2016

It would be beneficial if you get your own copies of these books – this allows you to add notes to them and it will be helpful when you are doing study at home. I have classroom copies but you may have to share.

There are second hand copies available on Amazon.

I have given you three tasks here which will really help you when you start.

I would be really grateful if you will email me and let me know you have read this, and that you have had a look at these tasks.

My email is **ewatson@ladylumleys.net**

Philosophy Task

Watch this debate between Bill Nye (the Science Guy) and Dr Ken Ham, Creation Scientist.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z6kgvhG3AkI>

This debate has had over 7 million views and is very well produced.

If you watch from 14 minutes you will see Bill Nye and Ken Ham being introduced. Bill Nye is a famous US TV presenter of science/nature programmes, and Ken Ham works for the 'Answers in Genesis' organisation.

Structure of the talk

The debate is quite long and so you may wish to watch in stages. They each give an introductory presentation and then each have a right of reply.

- Ken Ham starts at 15 minutes
- Bill Nye starts at 57 minutes
- The right of reply starts at 1 hour 28

Having watched the videos you are going to complete a Cornell Notes activity. There are instructions on how to take Cornell Notes on the video below.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErSjc1PEGKE>

The video is called:

How to take Cornell Notes properly

When you have watched this video, section a sheet of paper and write your notes in the way that you have just been shown. You will get better at this as we go through the course but have a go. You need to include: What was Ken Ham's main arguments? What were Bill Nye's main arguments?

When you have done this, send me a photo to my email: ewatson@ladylumleys.net

Ethics Task

Your ethics task requires you to read selected chapters from 'Ethics for A Level' by Mark Dimmock and Andrew Fisher. This book is free to download from Open Book Publishing

The book is available here:

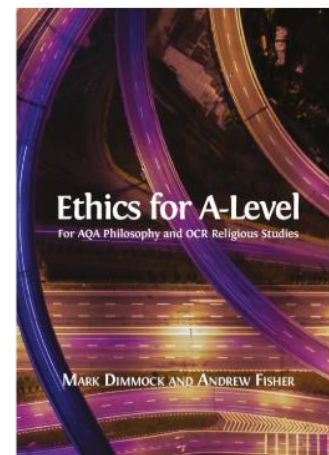
<https://www.openbookpublishers.com/product/639>

Introduction to Studying Ethics

Read these two chapters:

Chapter 1 - Utilitarianism

Chapter 5 – Fletcher's Situation Ethics



After reading chapters 1, and 5, summarise:

- Who the main philosopher/s involved were;
- What their ethical theory was based on (happiness? Love? Self interest?)
- On the next page, there is an ethical dilemma. Using your knowledge of utilitarianism and situation ethics, decide what should be done for each theory – which decision generates the greatest happiness for the greatest number? What decision is the most loving thing to do? Why is doing this difficult?

At the end of each chapter there are some questions to reflect on (Issues to Consider). You can have a go at these if you feel you have understood enough, but do not worry, we are going to spend 5 lessons on each theory. This is just an introduction!

Spam Filtering – an ethical dilemma!

You are the network administrator for a rather large company. You have a young family and need your job to support them. You monitor the emails for the organization.

One day you get a helpdesk request from a staff member asking for an email to get released. Normally it's standard procedure except this time the request has come from the wife of a very good friend of yours. You recognize the name on the helpdesk request so quickly attend to the problem. As part of the procedure you need to manually open up the email to ensure that it isn't spam, so you do and you discover that it certainly isn't spam. You find that it's actually an email to your friend's wife from her lover. You scan the rest of the contents of the email and there is no doubt that she has been having an affair for some time now.

You release the email, but you can't decide what to do. You're initial reaction is to call your friend up and tell him about the email, however you quickly realize that company policy is very strict about revealing the contents of confidential emails of staff members regardless of the contents and unless someone's life is in immediate danger, under no circumstances are you permitted to reveal the information.

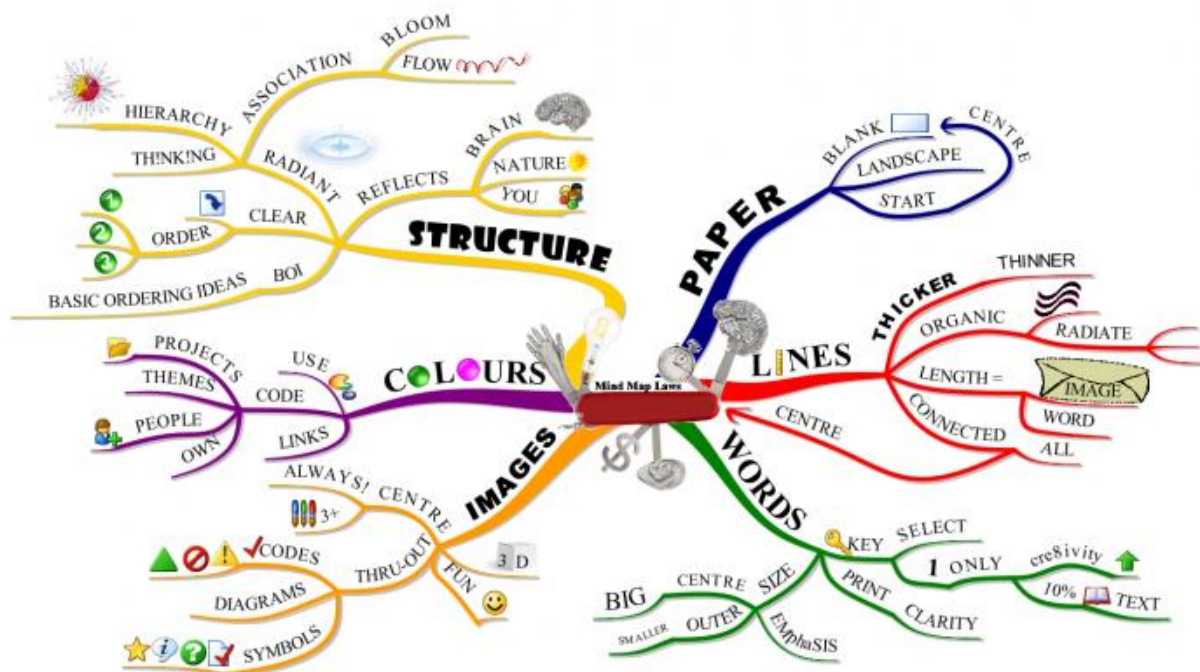
In any case you know that revealing this information presents great risk, because even if you don't do it directly, there is a good chance that the dots will be joined somewhere along the line and you will be found out. However, you feel that by not telling you friend that you are aiding his wife get away with adultery and this troubles you greatly. What do you do?

Judaism Task

The Judaism task is very straightforward.

I want you to produce, either on paper or on a document, a mind map – as detailed as you can make it – to include everything you know about Judaism already. Lumley's students may have an advantage here as we have done Judaism at GCSE, but if you are from a different school, you can use BBC Bitesize to help you. Please make it as colourful as you can (I love colour on notes) and you can add pictures if you are artistic (or even if you are not!)

I love this sort of thing:



Further Reading

If you would like to do further reading, we can suggest the following books to you:

Philosophy of Religion:

Vardy, P. *The Puzzle of God*, Harper Collins (1999)

Nigel Warburton : *A Little History of Philosophy*

Ethics:

Vardy, P. *The Puzzle of Ethics* (1999)

Any articles/podcasts/youtube films by **Peter Singer**

Judaism:

Norman Solomon, *Judaism: A Very Short Introduction (Very Short Introductions)*

Elie Wiesel - Night

There are lots of books available for these subjects and many can be bought second hand if you look on Amazon

Online resources:

Crash Course Philosophy:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8dPuuaLjXtNgK6MZucdYldNkMybYIHKR>

Philosophy Dungeon:

<https://philosophydungeon.weebly.com/philosophy-of-religion.html>

The School of Life (Western Philosophy)

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwxNMb28XmpeypJMHfNbJ4RAFKRtmAN3P>