

Religion, Philosophy & Ethics Department



Wider Reading Opportunities

Year 7

Item	Author
World Religions: The Great Faiths Explored and Explained – An illustrated and annotated guide to world religion: from ancient religions such as Celtic and Norse beliefs to the main faiths of our modern world	John Bowker
How Do You Spell God? Answers to Big Questions from Around the World - An introduction to international religions focuses on what the major religious faiths have in common rather than what makes them different	Marc Gellman
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret – A novel about a young girl who grows up without a religious affiliation because of her parents' interfaith marriage	Judy Blume
What is Humanism? How Do You Live Without a God? And Other Big Questions - Explores questions on life, death, science, nature, morality, meaning, and purpose from a non-religious perspective	Michael Rosen & Annemarie Young
The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe - Four kids travel through a wardrobe to the land of Narnia and learn of their destiny to free it with the guidance of a mystical lion	C. S. Lewis
Asha & The Spirit Bird - A magical Indian adventure about a young girl who embarks on a journey to find her missing father	Jaspinder Bilan
A Young Person's Guide to Philosophy – I think therefore I am - An entertaining look at the world's greatest thinkers and their ideas	Jeremy Weate

Year 8

Item	Author
The Life of Stephen Lawrence - Full of life and potential, Stephen Lawrence was a boy with huge hopes for the future. Murdered in 1993, the book looks at prejudice, injustice and a family's fight to uncover the truth.	Verna Wilkins
Noughts and Crosses - The story of two young people kept apart by bigotry, terrorism and injustice	Malorie Blackman
The Art of Being Normal – A novel about two transgender friends who figure out how to navigate teen life with help from each other.	Lisa Williamson
Truly, Wildly, Deeply – A story about a teenager with cerebral palsy who longs for her independence.	Jenny McLachlan
Does My Head Look Big in This? – A story about a sixteen-year-old Muslim girl who decides to wear the hijab, a religious veil, full-time.	Randa Abdel-Fattah
The Diary of a Young Girl – A Jewish teenager chronicles her family's two years in hiding during the Holocaust	Anne Frank
The Hiding Place - During WWII, a Dutch family caught hiding Jews is sent to a concentration camp where their Christian faith helps them endure the hardships.	Corrie Ten Boom
What we're scared of - Evie's the fighter, Lottie's the peace-maker. What they do have in common is their Jewishness - even though the family isn't religious. A novel about modern antisemitism.	Keren David
Life of Pi – The story of two survivors of a shipwreck who are on a lifeboat stranded in the Pacific Ocean for 227 days.	Yann Martell

Sophie's World – The novel follows Sophie Amundsen, a Norwegian teenager, who is introduced to the history of philosophy as she is asked "Who are you?" in a letter from an unknown sender.	Jostein Gaarder
The Philosophy File - Fantastic introduction to some of philosophy's biggest questions	Stephen Law

Year 9

Item	Author
Here I Stand: Stories that Speak for Freedom – A collection of stories and poems which explores the rights and freedoms we enjoy in the 21st century.	Amnesty International UK
Hate - A hard-hitting story about love and hate, prejudice and forgiveness, inspired by a real event.	Alan Gibbons
Journey to Jo'Burg – A story of love, commitment and the flowering of the human spirit against the background of South Africa's apartheid	Beverley Naidoo
The Love and Lies of Rukhsana Ali - Seventeen-year-old Rukhsana Ali tries her hardest to live up to her conservative Muslim parents' expectations, but lately she's finding that impossible to do.	Sabina Khan
The Solitaire Mystery - The story of a boy and his father on a car trip through Europe, searching for the boy's mother, who left many years ago to find herself. Along the way, his father teaches him some important life lessons.	Jostein Gaarder
To Kill a Mockingbird - A dark drama about the roots and consequences of racism and prejudice.	Harper Lee
The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion - Haidt reveals that we often find it hard to get along because our minds are hardwired to be moralistic, judgemental and self-righteous.	Jonathan Haidt

Year 10

Item	Author
Christianity: A Very Short Introduction - A very clear and well-structured introduction to the Christian faith.	Linda Woodhead
The Screwtape Letters - The story takes the form of a series of letters from a senior demon, Screwtape, to his nephew, Wormwood, a junior tempter.	C.S. Lewis
God: A Human History – This bestseller sheds new light on mankind's relationship with the divine and challenges our perspective on the history of faith and the birth of religion.	Reza Aslan
Heretics Anonymous – A group of five free-thinking students launch a clandestine campaign against their school's rigid policies and practices, with unanticipated consequences.	Katie Henry
The Philosophy Book - An introduction to Philosophy aimed at those with an interest in the subject	DK Publishing
What is Right and Wrong? Who Decides? Where do Values Come From? And Other Big Questions – A highly topical look at how our decisions about what is right and wrong play out on an individual, local, national and global scale.	Michael Rosen & Annemarie Young

Year 11

Item	Author
Islam: A Very Short Introduction – A brief introduction to the history of Islam as a religion and a political ideology.	Malise Ruthven

The Koran: A Very Short Introduction - This small book is nice to get basic knowledge on the Koran. It also shows how the Koran functions within in Islam and Muslim societies.	Michael Cook
I am Malala - Targeted and shot because of her belief and bravery to stand up against this prejudice, Malala's breath-taking true story is shocking, exciting and surprising.	Malala Yousafzai
The Secret Diary of a British Muslim Aged 13 ³/₄ - The true story of a British Asian Muslim caught between the ugly shadow of racism and the traditional values of a Muslim family connected to their roots.	Tez Ilyas
Nine Parts of Desire: The Hidden World of Islamic Women – A fascinatingly rich portrait of a little-known world that lifts the veil on the lives of Islamic women.	Geraldine Brooks

Year 12

Item	Author
Philosophy of Religion - An examination of the key issues in the philosophy of religion.	Peter Cole
The Question of God - This important textbook introduces the six great arguments for the existence of God.	Michael Palmer
The Puzzle of God - A clear, well-written guide to philosophical thinking about God.	Peter Vardy
The God Delusion - A powerful and thought-provoking book that challenges readers to question their beliefs and think critically about religion.	Richard Dawkins
Dominion: The Making of the Western Mind - Holland argues that all "western" moral and social norms are the product of the Christian revolution.	Tom Holland
The Language of God: A Scientist presents Evidence for Belief - Collins seeks to bring his credibility in both scientific and spiritual circles to bear in an attempt to achieve a harmonious synthesis between science and faith	Francis S. Collins
Think: A Modern Introduction to the Arcane Subject - An introduction, description, and explanation of some of the key pieces of literature in Philosophy.	S. Blackburn
Knowledge: A very short introduction - A great introduction to the theme of epistemology.	Jennifer Nagel
The Problems of Philosophy - A brief and accessible guide to the problems of philosophy.	Bertrand Russell

Year 13

Item	Author
A Pocket Guide to Ethical Issues - An introduction to some of the key ethical issues facing us today.	Andrew Goddard
The Selfish Gene – This book argues that all animal behaviours can be traced to selfishness on the part of their genes.	Richard Dawkins
Beyond Good and Evil - Beyond Good and Evil means that we should not settle for what philosophers and religions tell us about morals, truth, and values, but go further.	Friedrich Nietzsche
The Thinker's Guide to Evil - The authors explore our changing approach to evil, particularly in the Western Christian tradition, and the different answers that have been given. They look at the way our current ideas are presented in popular film and literature, like "Star Wars", "Lord of the Rings" and "Harry Potter".	Julie Arliss & Peter Vardy
Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy - Organizes scholars from around the world in philosophy and related disciplines to create and maintain an up-to-date reference work.	Available online

