



**Specification:** AQA A Level Religious Studies:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/religious-studies/as-and-a-level/religious-studies-7062/subject-content>

Of the books/ activities listed below, you need to choose **at least two**. Immediately after each of these (before you forget), you should complete the Sixth Form Induction Tasks Worksheet.

If you are unsure of what to go for, look for those marked with an asterix \* (or two \*\*).

### Books

- **\*\*Peter Cole**, *Philosophy Of Religion (Access To Religion and Philosophy)*
- **\*\*Robert Bowie**, *Ethical Studies*
- **\*\*Alistair E. McGrath**, *Christian Theology An Introduction*

All of the above offer a sound introduction to the Philosophy, Ethics and Christian Theology components of the course. Check the syllabus link above and read 2 chapters from any of the texts (check that the topics you have chosen are on the specification. You can choose which chapter you would like to read and comment on).

- **Jostein Gaarder**, *Sophie's Choice*
- **Michael Peterson, William Hasker et al**, *Philosophy of Religion, Selected Readings*  
(See note above about checking the syllabus before you choose your reading).
- **Bernard Hoose**, *Christian Ethics, An Introduction*  
(See note above about checking the syllabus before you choose your reading).

### Online resources

- <http://strangenotions.com/>

Philosophy blog. Choose 2 articles to comment on.

- <http://www.richardchalloner.com/spirituality/>

Constantly updated with articles linked to Christian faith, as well as current affairs - relevant case studies that you will be expected to know about and include in your essay writing.

- [https://www.ted.com/talks/pope\\_francis\\_why\\_the\\_only\\_future\\_worth\\_building\\_includes\\_everyone?language=en](https://www.ted.com/talks/pope_francis_why_the_only_future_worth_building_includes_everyone?language=en)

The Pope's TED talk about equality and Solidarity.

- [https://www.ted.com/talks/susan\\_solomon\\_the\\_promise\\_of\\_research\\_with\\_stem\\_cell](https://www.ted.com/talks/susan_solomon_the_promise_of_research_with_stem_cell)

Looks at the potential uses of stem cells in human medicine.

'TED talks' have some really good commentaries. Check the syllabus and do your own search on the TED site / You Tube to find ones that you are interested in. It does not have to be one that is listed here – but it should link to something that you will be learning about in Religious Studies.