



Specification: OCR A Level Religious Studies:

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/religious-studies-h173-h573-from-2016/specification-at-a-glance/>

*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 asterisk * (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.

- <https://www.richardchalloner.com/chaplaincy/spirituality-blog>

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

The Pope's TED talk about equality and Solidarity.

'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.