

Summer Work

Philosophy, Ethics and Theology A level

Welcome to the study of Religion, Philosophy and Ethics! Your summer transition work comprises of two tasks described below:

1. Ethics

Read the article from the RS Review, *The Ethics of Capital Punishment*. Create a PowerPoint presentation with arguments for and against capital punishment. What is your conclusion?

2. Philosophy

Read the article from the RS Review, *the Evidential Problem of Evil*. Answer the following questions in **detail**:

- a) Give a definition of the “*Evidential Problem of Evil*.”
- b) Describe the traditional theistic solution to the problem of evil. (Use the words *soul making* and *freewill* in your answer.)
- c) Explain how Alvin Plantinga and H J McCloskey have highlighted the problem of evil?
- d) Explain in detail William Rowe’s argument for the Evidential Problem of Evil.
- e) How have critics of Rowe responded?
- f) What is your conclusion? How convincing do you find William Rowe’s argument?

Deadline:

This work should be submitted to Mr Harvey – Subject Leader – Religion, Philosophy and Ethics by Wednesday 3rd September 2025.

Transition Work – Marking Criteria – Year 12

Mark 1-4	Handed in on time?	Effort	Meeting the task criteria?
1. Outstanding	Yes	Work goes above and beyond criteria of task. It is presented immaculately, with no spelling or grammatical errors.	Very detailed answers to the tasks set. Work shows evidence of wider reading. Information given is very detailed and thorough.
2. Good	Yes	Work meets the criteria of the task. Presentation is good. Some small errors.	Work is well detailed and thorough.
3. Satisfactory	Might be a bit late.	Work does not cover all areas of the task. Presentation requires improvement.	Work is basic and just meets or roughly meets criteria of the task. Information given is just enough.
4. Unsatisfactory	Late or not handed in.	Scruffy. Evidence of being completed last minute. Not what the teacher asked for.	Work is not of the required standard for transition to A Level.

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