

A level Philosophy pre reading/ ideas to research.

1. This is the textbook we will use for year 12, it could be good to order this and do some pre reading. Don't worry if you can't get this yet- its pretty expensive and is absolutely huge! I will be scanning in some pages ASAP and will email then.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/product/1510400257/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o01_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1

2. This is a great book for some general reading and information:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Philosophy-Beginners-Richard-Osborne/dp/1934389021/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=philosophy+for+beginners&qid=1584961066&s=b&sr=1-1

3. There is also a podcast on BBC radio 4 called Philosophy in our time with different episodes you could have a listen too. These are pretty heavy and might need further explanation. If you listen to them and you have no idea what's going on don't worry!! **Episodes on Ontological argument and Utilitarianism are good.**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01f0vzr/episodes/downloads>

4. These are some good Louis Theroux documentaries that you might want to watch- they are not specifically related to our course but some of the questions/dilemmas that they discuss are relevant. They will also get you thinking Philosophically! What are your opinions on them? Do you agree or disagree with points raised? Have any of them changed your perspective on ideas?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0006vv7/louis-theroux-surviving-americas-most-hated-family>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0bshjrp/louis-theroux-altered-states-2-choosing-death>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b05qkzt2/louis-theroux-transgender-kids>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b007clvf/louis-theroux-the-most-hated-family-in-america>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0107zhy/louis-theroux-americas-most-hated-family-in-crisis>

5. The Panpsycast Podcast.

<https://thepanpsycast.com/episodes-by-category>

I would definitely recommend listening to these podcasts- they're a little cheesy but are aimed at A level students!

There are hundreds of podcast episodes on this website, you can access them through apple music, online or Spotify. There are weekly episodes (some really random) but these are the ones that link to some of the units studied at A level. If you go to the website and click 'Episodes by category' and search for the following:

Ethics

- Episode 5 Utilitarianism
- Episode 12 Situation Ethics
- Episode 14 Euthanasia

Philosophy of Religion

- Episode 7 The Ontological Argument
- Episode 8 Teleological Argument
- Episode 9 Cosmological Argument
- Episode 10 Problem of Evil
- Episode 13 Religious experience

Don't feel restricted to these episodes, there are hundreds of others which you could choose from but these are specifically on topics we focus on. They are all free too!

Any questions or queries then feel free to email estevenson@sandbachschool.org at any point!

