**Philosophy Transition Work**

Firstly, what a great A level you have chosen to study over the next two years, we look forward to seeing you in September!

Below are some suggested tasks to complete prior to year 12 – the idea behind them is to prepare you for some of the skills and knowledge required to be a successful Philosophy student. In terms of textbooks, I would strongly advise waiting until September, as in previous years, a discount code is sent to the school, and by purchasing these in bulk, we can usually save you 40% on the RRP.

**Tasks**

1. Keep up to date with current affairs. This is particularly important for the Ethics side of the course. Have debates with family members, play the devil’s advocate when reading about a news story, watch documentaries such as Panorama and Dispatches, etc. (there’s lots of divided opinions on the actions of people during this pandemic, so plenty of things to read/watch/talk about!)
2. Read about, or even read the works of the following two Philosophers: Plato and Aristotle. When year 12 starts, we would like you to bring a detailed poster/fact-file /Powerpoint/video…anything that demonstrates what you have learned about these two Philosophers. There are a wealth of resources available on the internet – a list of suggested websites is at the bottom of the page.
3. Find out about the challenges and corresponding adaptations that have arisen for Christians worldwide during lockdown. See if you can find examples of peoples’ faith being strengthened and/or weakened by the situation.
4. Write a response to the question, “What is reality?” This can be done from your own personal perspective, or someone else’s…entirely up to you!

Suggested websites:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDiyQub6vpw>

<https://www.iep.utm.edu/plato/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=csIW4W_DYX4>

<https://www.iep.utm.edu/aristotl/>

<https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=t4LZ83FwZf8C&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_ge_summary_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&f=false>

<https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=8FmBzz0E9fcC&printsec=frontcover&dq=aristotle&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwj0ptXr6-LpAhU1tHEKHZkSDlsQ6AEIMjAB#v=onepage&q=aristotle&f=false>

<http://rsrevision.com/Alevel/philosophy/index.htm>