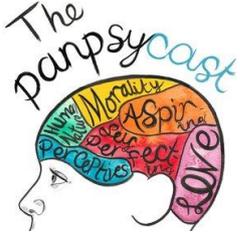


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Compulsory Task(s)	<p><b>Ms Millington:</b></p> <p>We will be beginning our lessons by looking at an ethical theory called 'Utilitarianism'. In order to prepare you for this listen to episode 5 of this podcast series (follow the link below!):</p> <p><a href="https://www.thepanpsycast.com/episode-5-utilitarianism-part-1">Episode 5, Utilitarianism (Part I) (thepanpsycast.com)</a></p>  <p>Using the information from this podcast, answer the following questions and bring them to your first lesson ready for discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) How does utilitarianism instruct you to make ethical decisions?</li> <li>2) What are some of the strengths of utilitarianism?</li> <li>3) What are some of the weaknesses of utilitarianism?</li> <li>4) Make a note of any philosophers mentioned in this podcast and their views on utilitarianism.</li> </ol> <p><b>Mr Steadman-South:</b></p> <p>We will be beginning our lessons by looking at an ethical theory called 'Natural Moral Law'. In order to prepare you for this, watch the YouTube clip (follow the link below!):</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...">Natural Law Theory: Crash Course Philosophy #34 - YouTube</a></p> <p>Using the information from this podcast, answer the following questions and bring them to your first lesson ready for discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) How does natural moral law instruct you to make ethical decisions?</li> <li>2) What are some of the strengths of natural moral law?</li> <li>3) What are some of the weaknesses of natural moral law?</li> <li>4) Make a note of any philosophers mentioned in this podcast and their views on natural moral law.</li> </ol> <p>We will also be studying Islam. The best way to study Islam is to fully immerse yourself and to start at the very beginning.</p> <p>In order to prepare you for this please listen to the podcast (follow the link below!):</p> <p><a href="https://play.acast.com/s/thehistoryofislam/episode-001-pre-islamic-arabia-i">https://play.acast.com/s/thehistoryofislam/episode-001-pre-islamic-arabia-i</a></p> <p>Using the information from this podcast, answer the following questions and bring them to your first lesson ready for discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What life was like then.</li> <li>2) Any key reference points to Islam.</li> <li>3) Any words you don't know or would like to know more about</li> <li>4) Your general view on how Pre-Islamic Arabia might have impacted on the birth of Islam.</li> </ol>

<p>How the compulsory tasks will be assessed (teacher, peer, self)</p> <p>How the bridging work be used in lessons at the start of Y12</p>	<p>This bridging work will be used as the basis for discussion during the first few lessons of the course, therefore, written answers should be brought to the lesson.</p>
<p>Optional Task(s)</p>	<p>These are just some reading ideas – you don't have to choose any of these if you'd rather read something else, and there are so many good books in the world that this list could go on for ever but it's a start:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Pig that Wants to be Eaten – Julian Baggini</li> <li>- 50 Philosophy Ideas you must know</li> <li>- Think – Simon Blackburn</li> <li>- The Blind Watchmaker, and/or The God Delusion – Richard Dawkins Also made in to a series available on Youtube)</li> <li>- Two very good books Islam or Muhammad by Karen Armstrong</li> <li>- A Little History of Philosophy- Nigel Warburton</li> <li>- The Brothers Karamazov – Fyodor Dostoevsky: a huge and important 'classic' book, which takes time and effort and is well worth both. Raises issues of God, evil, rivalry, loyalty ...</li> <li>- The Puzzle of... - Peter Vardy – this series of non-fiction books is about issues in religion and philosophy, very readable and you don't have to be an expert to enjoy them. You can dip in and out of different chapters rather than having to start at the beginning and work through to the end.</li> </ul> <p>TED talks: There are loads of talks on here, so use the search engine to find topics that interest you. Practise note-taking; write notes as you listen, just as you would if you were listening to a real-life lecture, and practise the skill of jotting down key points at speed. Ask yourself questions when you get to the end: <i>What were the speaker's key messages? Do you agree with the speaker? What might someone who disagreed say, and what might their reasons be?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Elizabeth Loftus – how reliable is your memory?</li> <li>- Dan Gilbert – why we make bad decisions</li> <li>- Richard Dawkins – militant atheism</li> <li>- Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie – We should all be feminists</li> <li>- Damon Horowitz – Philosophy in prison</li> </ul> <p>Research Topics: (** = Relevant for the Religious Studies aspect of the course.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Plato</li> <li>- Aristotle</li> <li>- Aquinas</li> <li>- Bentham</li> <li>- Mill</li> <li>- Hume</li> <li>- Kant</li> <li>- Plato's Republic</li> <li>- ** St Thomas Aquinas</li> <li>- **Augustine</li> <li>- The Ontological Argument</li> <li>- ** The Soul</li> <li>- **Redemption</li> <li>- **Kant</li> <li>- **Relativism</li> </ul>

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