**The Summer Bridging Work MUST be handed into one of your subject teachers by Friday 13 September 2019.**

**Your work will be assessed in September by your class teachers.**

**Anyone not completing the work or producing work of poor quality will be re-interviewed regarding their place on the course and in the Sixth Form.**

**The aims are for you to understand if you like the course and for you to be ready to start learning at post-16 level.**

**All work is due in on Friday 13 September 2019.**

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## Things you will need to succeed every day in the Sixth Form:

* Pens
* Highlighters
* A pencil case
* Your own lined paper
* A single-hole punch (available from the school shop for £1)
* ****A pair of scissors
* ****Glue

**Things you will need for this course:**

* A lever-arch folder for storing work at home
* A ring-binder for work for the current unit
* A pack of at least 20 file dividers

## The books you need to buy are:

* *Knowledge: A Very Short Introduction (Very Short Introductions)*, Jennifer Nagel, **ISBN-10:** 019966126X

# Ethics: A Very Short Introduction (Very Short Introductions), [Simon Blackburn](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Simon-Blackburn/e/B000APFM0S/ref=dp_byline_cont_book_1), ISBN-10: 0192804421

# Your Summer Bridging Work Project:

**Epistemology (Theory of Knowledge)**

* **Read:** *Knowledge: A Very Short Introduction (Very Short Introductions)*, Jennifer Nagel, **ISBN-10:** 019966126X

Write explanations of the following key terms:

1. Perception
2. Realism
3. Scepticism
4. Justification
5. Reason
6. Create a fact file on two of the following key philosophers. In particular focus on how they define knowledge and our perception of the world around us.

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| Bertrand Russell | Bishop George Berkley |
| David Hume | Renee Descartes |
| Plato | John Locke |

1. Write an answer to the following question (about 500 words). When you are writing your answers have a look at some of the philosophers above; see if any of them support your own thoughts and make a note of which philosophers you use.

**How reliable do you think our experience of the world is, if it is just based on our sense?**

**Moral Philosophy**

* Read: *Utilitarianism, John Stuart Mill, (*I recommend this edition of collected essays: On Liberty, Utilitarianism and Other Essays 2/e (Oxford World's Classics)  by [John Stuart Mill](https://www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=dp_byline_sr_book_1?ie=UTF8&text=John+Stuart+Mill&search-alias=books-uk&field-author=John+Stuart+Mill&sort=relevancerank) (Author), [Mark Philp](https://www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=dp_byline_sr_book_2?ie=UTF8&text=Mark+Philp&search-alias=books-uk&field-author=Mark+Philp&sort=relevancerank) (Editor), [Frederick Rosen](https://www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=dp_byline_sr_book_3?ie=UTF8&text=Frederick+Rosen&search-alias=books-uk&field-author=Frederick+Rosen&sort=relevancerank) (Editor), **ISBN-10:** 0199670803

1. Create a fact file on two of the following key Philosophers, in particular focus on what they say about moral and moral decisions

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| 1. David Hume 2. Immanuel Kant 3. William James 4. Karl Marx 5. Plato 6. Alvin Plantinga | 1. Fredriech Nietzsche 2. Bertrand Russell 3. J.S Mill 4. Jeremy Bentham 5. John Rawls |

2. Write an answer to the following question (about 500 words). When you are writing your answers have a look at some of the philosophers above; see if any of them support your own thoughts and make a note of which philosophers you use.

**Is there any reason to be a moral person?**

3. Write out explanations of the following key terms

* Deontological
* Act consequentialism
* Moral relativism

Try to avoid using Wikipedia if possible. If you are interested in some good background reading use: <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/philosophy-religion/>

<http://www.philosophybasics.com/general.html>

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**Exam board:** AQA

**Specification:** http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/philosophy/specifications/AQA-7172-SP-2017.PDF

**Wider Reading and Discovery List: Books**

* ‘Ethical Studies’ Robert Bowie ISBN 0748780793
* ‘Ethical theory’ Mel Thompson ISBN 9780340957790
* ‘The Puzzle of Ethics’ Peter Vardy ISBN 9780006281443
* ‘Philosophy for As and A2’ ed. Elizabeth Burns and Stephen Law ISBN 0415335639
* AQA AS Philosophy, by [Dan Cardinal](https://www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=dp_byline_sr_book_1?ie=UTF8&text=Dan+Cardinal&search-alias=books-uk&field-author=Dan+Cardinal&sort=relevancerank) (Author), [Jeremy Hayward](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Jeremy-Hayward/e/B0034PPLTS/ref=dp_byline_cont_book_2)  (Author), [Gerald Jones](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Gerald-Jones/e/B0034OQACQ/ref=dp_byline_cont_book_3)  (Author), ISBN-10: 1471835359
* *Knowledge: A Very Short Introduction (Very Short Introductions)*, Jennifer Nagel, **ISBN-10:** 019966126X

**Magazines/Journals**

* ‘Dialogue’

**Websites**

* [www.bbc.co.uk/religion](http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion)
* [www.youtube.co.uk](http://www.youtube.co.uk) (3 minute Philosophy)
* <http://www.rsrevision.com/contents/index.htm> - excellent site with resources to use
* <http://www.rsrevision.com/contents/ethics.htm>
* <http://www.alevelphilosophy.co.uk/resources/recommended-reading/> excellent site with resources to use

**Things to do**

* Ashmolean Museum
* British Museum

**Things to watch**

* Michael Sandal’s Harvard lectures <http://www.justiceharvard.org/>

**Things to listen to**

* University of Oxford philosophy podcasts <http://www.philosophy.ox.ac.uk/podcasts> which are downloadable from itunes.

**Moocs**

<https://www.coursera.org/course/introphil>

**Further reading**

* ‘The Cider House Rules’ John Irving
* ‘Brave new world’ Aldous Huxley
* ‘Summa Theologiae’, in ‘Basic Writings of Thomas Aquinas’, ed. A.C. Pegis
* ‘The development of Kant’s view of ethics’, Keith Ward
* ‘Utilitarianism’ J.S. Mill
* ‘Practical Ethics’ Peter Singer
* ‘Euthyphro’ in ‘The last days of Socrates’, ed H. Tredennick