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Philosophy

The following is a list of activities you may like to do during your summer holidays, in preparation for studying Year 1 of Philosophy.

A really good way to prepare for your Philosophy course is to read some of the following:

Books

Sophie's World: A Novel About the History of Philosophy Jostein Gaarder

This introduces some key ideas in Philosophy through a correspondence between a student and their Philosophy teacher.

Philosophy: The Basics Nigel Warburton

Chapter 2 on Right and Wrong and Chapter 5 on Appearance and Reality are especially relevant to the AS course.

Introductory Online Resources

There are various, high quality introductions to the theory of knowledge (epistemology) and ethics on Youtube, created by 'Wireless Philosophy'.

- ✓ The Wireless Philosophy link below includes many relevant videos concerning epistemology.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r_Y3utleTPg&list=PLtKNX4SfKpzUxuye9OdaRfL5fbpGa3bH5
PHILOSOPHY - Epistemology: Introduction to Theory of Knowledge [HD]
- ✓ The Wireless Philosophy link below includes many relevant videos concerning ethics.
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLtKNX4SfKpzWO2Yjykp-hMS0gTl948pIS>

This is a downloadable introduction to philosophy from www.philosophybites.com, which has hundreds of downloadable podcasts.

www.philosophybites.libsyn.com/index.php?search=what+is+philosophy

This website features the finest collections of interviews with great philosophers in existence. It has major sections on the philosophy of mind and religion, which feature heavily in the second year.

<https://www.closetotruth.com/>

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Further Reading

AQA A-level Philosophy Year 1 and AS: Epistemology and Moral Philosophy, by Jeremy Hayward, Gerald Jones and Dan Cardinal.

Further Online Resources

This site is essential for any student who is interested in the philosophy of religion. It is run by one of the world's leading Christian philosophers, William Lane Craig. The podcasts, Q&A sections and articles are second to none.

www.reasonablefaith.org

