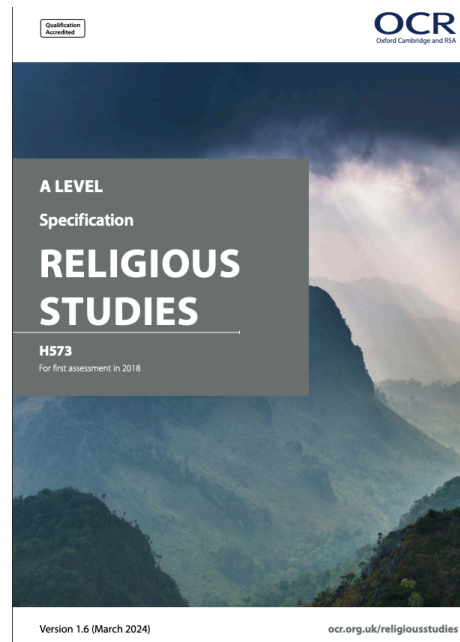


Religious Studies - Head Start Activities



Dear Students,

Welcome to your Head Start Activities for **Religious Studies**. Transitioning to Sixth Form is an exciting step and at Norbury High School for Girls, we are here to help you start strong. This Head Start booklet is designed to support your move into NHSG Sixth Form, giving you the chance to explore your chosen subjects, prepare for future success, and begin shaping your next chapter with confidence.

We look forward to working with you from September

Mr Tyrrell & Mr Newman

Course details:

- Title: Religious Studies
- Level: A Level
- Board: OCR
- [Website](#)
- NHSG Course information linked [here](#)

In these activities and ideas you will find not only opportunities to stretch your thinking but also to help you discover what you are passionate about, both inside and beyond the classroom

Listen to podcasts and talks, by subject experts and inspiring female leaders.

- [BBC Moral Maze](#)
- [Philosophize this!](#)
- [Overthink](#)

Watch documentaries, movies, interviews, or mini-lectures linked to your subjects to deepen your understanding.

- TedED [Ethical Dilemmas](#)
- Philosophy: [The Matrix 1999](#)
- Ethics: [Sophie's Choice 1982](#)
- Development in Christian Thought: [The Passion of the Christ 2004](#)

Read articles, essays, or books that challenge your thinking and expand your subject knowledge.

- Philosophy: [Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy](#)
- Ethics: [The Guardian - Ethics](#) & [1982, Agnes Denes's Art installation](#)
- Development in Christian Thought: [The Tablet: The International Catholic News Weekly](#)

Visit local exhibitions, galleries, or workplaces that connect with your studies and open your eyes to future possibilities.

- [Westminster Abbey](#)
- Location: Westminster, Central London
- Why visit: Iconic place of worship for over 1,000 years.
- [St Paul's Cathedral](#)
- Location: The City of London
- Why visit: Designed by Sir Christopher Wren after the Great Fire of London (1666).
- [BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir \(Neasden Temple\)](#)
- Location: Neasden, North West London
- Why visit: One of the largest Hindu temples outside India, built using traditional methods.

Go beyond the essentials, to explore big questions and wider issues. What are the big challenges facing your subject?

Philosophy of Religion

- Real-World Question: **"Can science and religion ever truly be compatible, or will they always be in conflict?"**
- Why it's valuable: This taps into ongoing debates around evolution vs creationism, Big Bang theory, and the role of faith in a scientific world.

Ethics

- Real-World Question: **"Should artificial intelligence be given moral rights or protections?"**
- Why it's valuable: Applies ethical theory (e.g. utilitarianism, Kantian ethics) to emerging issues in technology, sentience, and human responsibility.

Developments in Christian Thought

- Real-World Question: **"Can Christianity remain relevant in a modern, liberal society?"**
- Why it's valuable: Explores challenges facing Christian belief in secular, pluralist contexts, including gender roles, sexuality, and social justice.