

Buddhism Tasks

If you did not study Buddhism at GCSE then please complete the Buddhism home learning booklet that is also attached to the Induction page.

Use this link - [A handful of leaves](#) to access Paul Gethin's book 'The Foundations of Buddhism'. Read the introduction and up to page 36 about the Historical Buddha. Create a timeline of the events leading up to the Buddha's birth – bring this with you to our first lesson.

Research the history of the Caste system in India (use <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-india-35650616> as a starting point) to understand the type of society that the Buddha was born into. Create an A4 summary page about the Caste system.

Optional extension tasks

Check out the online webinars on Buddhism held as part of the University of Chester's Tuesday lunchtime series – <https://www1.chester.ac.uk/theology-and-religious-studies/schoolsengagement/trs-chester-level-webinars> (also useful for Philosophy). There is also a tab on the right hand side to the 2021 and 2022 webinars also – plus booking options for the ones happening this term.

Use the Handful of Leaves link above to read other texts about Buddhism. These are university level texts but stick with them!

If you prefer to watch, rather than read, check out the NetFlix series 'Buddha'. It is very long but it would be useful for you to watch the first few episodes as an introduction to the Buddhism that you will study at A-Level.