

A level Philosophy, Ethics and Buddhism

Dear Student

We are really pleased you have chosen to study this rewarding course with us next year. In order to prepare yourself fully for the demands of Year 12, we have put together activities for you to complete over the summer. A Level RS will include the academic study of Philosophy, Ethics and Buddhism which is an exciting and vibrant subject.

1. Choose any **three interesting articles** featured on **www.upworthy.com** or **www.huffingtonpost.com/religion** (you can download the apps also). **Summarise** each article by writing a sophisticated response showing your deep-thinking insights. What ethical issues or dilemmas does it address? What is your opinion on the matter? How could someone challenge your opinion on this topic? What interesting questions could you ask to explore further? Each response should be approximately **500 words**.
2. Research the **Sistine Chapel** which is located in Rome. Why is it important? What is the historical significance? Choose any **two paintings** found in the Sistine Chapel. Research and **explain the meanings and symbolism**.
3. Access the articles listed on <http://peped.org/philosophicalinvestigations/> Read through some of the articles and think about your response. Write a response summary and send to the website.

Optional:

3. Visit the **Ashoka Kadampa Buddhist Centre** in Plymouth (near Mutley Plain). Attend one of the classes and have lunch in the World Peace Cafe. Come to the lesson in September ready to explain your experiences!
4. Follow the RS department on Twitter - @HelesRS for up to date articles about this subject. Find other relevant twitter users (e.g. University of Gloucester RPE, Access Buddhism) to follow to help with academic studies.

Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Skingle and Mrs Pomfret

You can access all resources here:

