Year 12 Induction Summer Work

July 2026

1 Compulsory – Effective Learning Techniques:

Watch these videos and make notes on the strategies suggested for taking notes from lessons and reading. You should aim for around 10 bullet points for each video.

Taking Notes Effectively: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ATmJb3bH2E0

How to read and retain information: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiNB-6SuqVA

2 Optional – Effective Learning Techniques

If you think you might find these videos useful, do the same for these

Procrastination: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i2EEnJedcYU

Memorisation: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBUhdwTt7ow

3 Compulsory – Philosophy and ethics

Watch this lecture and create notes on the following:

- Democritus
- Plato and Aristotle and ideas about concepts like 'red' or 'elephant'
- Rationalists and Empiricists
- Utilitarians and Deontologists
- Early Wittgenstein and Late Wittgenstein
- Internalism vs Externalism

Your notes should be no more than 4 sides of A4 as a maximum!

Aromp through the history of philosophy from the Pre-Socratics to the present day. | University of Oxford Podcasts

4 Optional (but highly recommended) – Wider Reading, Watching and Listening

Look through some of the resources below. Find three things you find really interesting and look into it in more depth – making brief notes and writing down questions you have about it. This should be no more than 1 side of A4 for each issue/podcast episode you choose.

Useful Links and Podcast Suggestions

General

Philosophy Pages
Indiana Philosophy Ontology Project: a high-powered taxonomy of philosophy of philosophy on the web
Erratic Impact Philosophy research base
Philosophy Experiments
Philosophy Sites by Topic
Big Questions Online: from the Templeton Foundation (so with a Christian agenda)
Philosophy News
Guide to the World's Philosophers
Zeno's Coffee House
Pathways to Philosophy
World Question Centre 2008: 165 thinkers answer the question 'How have scientific findings and arguments changed your mind?'
Phil Papers: International survey of contemporary philosophers' views
Philosophy Education Resource Guide
The benefits of studying philosophy

Podcasts/radio and TV

Philosophy Bites: Podcast of top philosophers on bite-sized topics
Learnoutloud: podcasts
Learnoutloud: audio books and videos

Philosophy Now Podcasts
Pufendorf Lectures: podcasts of lectures by some of the best philosophers in the world
History of Philosophy Podcasts: the whole history, no gaps, by Peter Adamson – by summer 2014, from the beginnings to Plotinus
Why? Radio show
Philosophers' Zone
Philosophy Talk ('the program that questions everything… except your intelligence)
BBC's In Our Time
Philosophy TV
The Dossier: contemporary affairs
Does science have all the answers?: Mary Midgley in discussion with Peter Atkins
8-bit philosophy: Video games used to teach fundamental philosophical ideas
Top 40 Philosophy: Each podcast examines a hit pop, rock, rap, or country song, introducing listeners both to philosophical methodology and to the great concepts and thinkers of the tradition
Crash course philosophy: YouTube videos covering a wide range of skills and topics

Philosophical films and videos

Philosophers on Film: a book series from Routledge
Philosophical Films
Great Ideas in Philosophy course
The Examined Life: 26 videos on philosophical topics
The Royal Institute of Philosophy: lectures on various topics
The Royal Institute of Philosophy YouTube channel
Stephen Law's Evil God movie

Humour

The Socrates' Argument Clinic

Philosophical question and answer services

Philosophical Answers
Ask a Philosopher

Sites intended for schools

Dialogue Australasia Network
The Richmond Philosophy Pages
'Philosophical investigations': Philosophy and Ethics for Religious Studies

Fallacies

The Nizkor Project
The Non Sequitur
Changing Minds
Your logical fallacy is… (download a free fallacies poster!)

Reference works

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy
The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy

Journals

The Philosophers' Magazine
Philosophy Now
Think
Dialogue: for Philosophy of Religion and Ethics
Philosophy Compass: more in-depth survey articles

Organizations

The British Philosophical Association
Royal Institute of Philosophy
SAPERE: Philosophy for Children (P4C)
The Philosophy Foundation

In Our Time

Melvyn Bragg and guests discuss the history of ideas

Podcasts

In Our Time with Melvyn Bragg

Culture

History

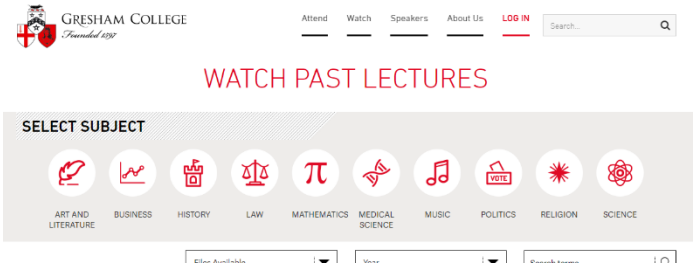
Philosophy

Religion

Science

Gresham College has been providing free public lectures since 1597, making us London's oldest higher education institution.

This podcast offers all of the most recent lectures from our archive of over 1,800 lectures that are free to access or download from the Gresham College website.



Philosophy

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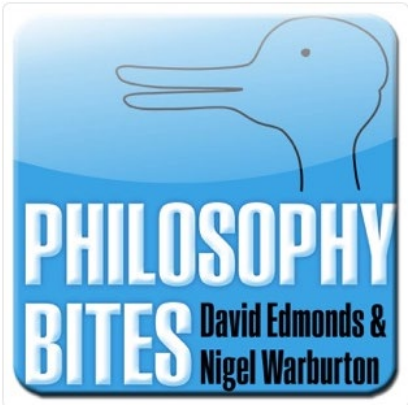
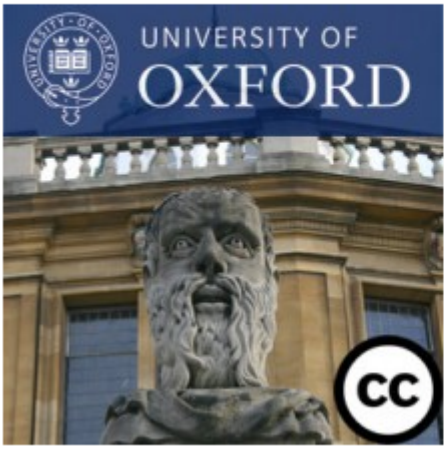
Reasonable Faith is a conversational program dealing with the most important apologetic questions of our day.



David Edmonds (Uehiro Centre, Oxford University) and Nigel Warburton (freelance philosopher/writer) interview top philosophers on a wide range of topics. Two books based on the series have been published by Oxford University Press. We are currently self-funding - donations very welcome via our website http://www.philosophybites.com

Philosophy for Beginners



Philosophy has been studied for thousands of years. It involves the use of reason and argument to search for the truth about reality - about the nature of things, ethics, aesthetics, language, the mind, God and everything else. This series of five introductory lectures, aimed at students new to philosophy, presented by Marianne Talbot, Department for Continuing Education, University of Oxford, will test you on some famous thought experiments and introduce you to some central philosophical issues and to the thoughts of some key philosophers.

The God Delusion Weekend

Richard Dawkins' book The God Delusion has been a run away best seller. It has stimulated global debate, not always very charitable, about whether Dawkins is right to say that it is probably the case that God does not exist. During this weekend philosophers Marianne Talbot and Stephen Law will discuss the debate from a philosophical point of view. What are Dawkins' arguments? Are they good arguments? Are they conclusive arguments? Where does the debate about God's existence stand now?

Ethics

Practical Ethics Bites

Practical Ethics Bites is a series of audio podcasts on practical ethics targeted specifically at pupils studying philosophy in UK schools. It is produced by the team behind the popular podcast Philosophy Bites, David Edmonds and Nigel Warburton. Philosophy Bites has had over 21 million downloads. David Edmonds is a Senior Research Associate at Oxford's Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics and all the interviewees are academics linked to the Uehiro Centre. The series aims to be a free educational resource for teachers. Each interview is around 20 minutes long.

Moral Maze

Live debate examining the moral issues behind one of the week's news stories. #moralmaze

Theology

Sunday
A look at the ethical and religious issues of the week

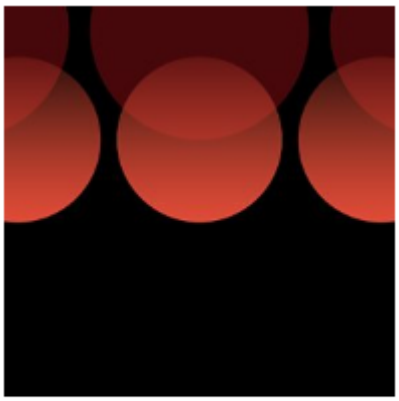
UnHerd columnist Giles Fraser talks to distinguished guests about how their beliefs shape who they are.

The most important and controversial topics in world religion, thoroughly dissected by a range of high profile guests. Presented by Damian Thompson.

Living With The Gods
Neil MacGregor explores the role and expression of shared beliefs around the world.

Ideas

Free Thinking
The ideas shaping our lives today - with artists and thinkers in debates and interviews.



Seriously...
A rich selection of documentaries aimed at relentlessly curious minds.

The Reith Lectures
Significant international thinkers deliver the BBC's flagship annual lecture series

300 episodes

Intelligence Squared is the world's leading forum for debate and intelligent discussion. Live and online we take you to the heart of the issues that matter, in the company of some of the world's sharpest minds and most exciting orators. Join the debate at www.intelligencesquared.com and download our weekly podcasts every Tuesday and Friday.

Psychology

Very Bad Wizards is a podcast featuring a philosopher (Tamler Sommers) and a psychologist (David Pizarro), who share a love for ethics, pop culture, and cognitive science, and who have a marked inability to distinguish sacred from profane. Each podcast includes discussions of moral philosophy, recent work on moral psychology and neuroscience, and the overlap between the two.

All in the Mind

Programme exploring the limits and potential of the human mind

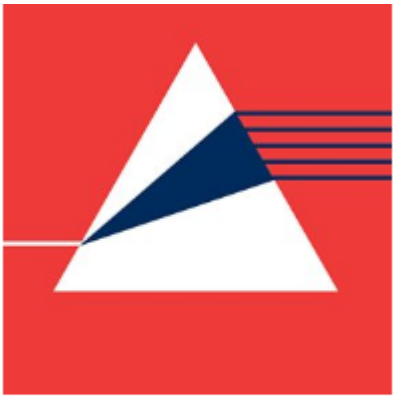
Political ideas and society

Political Thinking with Nick Robinson

Understand the big political issues of our time.

138 episodes

A podcast about ideas. Former Labour Party leader Ed Miliband, and Sony Award-winning radio host Geoff Lloyd talk to smart thinkers from around the world.



Analysis

Programme examining the ideas and forces which shape public policy in Britain and abroad.

Thinking Allowed

New research on how society works

Science

The Life Scientific

Professor Jim Al-Khalili talks to leading scientists about their life and work.

The Infinite Monkey Cage

Irreverent look at the world through scientists' eyes. With Brian Cox and Robin Ince.