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SWCHS SIXTH FORM SUMMER WORK

A Level Philosophy

TASK
<u>Some Essential Philosophy Study Skills</u> If you have any queries regarding this work please email ecarne@swchs.net <u>Task</u> There are 2 tasks based around core skills and learning techniques we will use in Philosophy lessons <u>How will this work be used in lessons?</u> The listening task will be used in the first few weeks of the Moral Philosophy part of the course with Mrs Popple. The discussion task will be used in the first few weeks of the Epistemology part of the course with by Miss Carne. <u>How long will this task take?</u> 2 hours

Philosophy summer work

Dear philosophers in training,

Well done for having selected a great course to study! Pure philosophy is a wonderful subject, but it is not an easy choice. Our summer work for you is preparing you in the core skills in philosophy so that the transition is smoothed.

Enjoy your summer and we look forward to welcoming you in September!

Miss Carne and Mrs Popple

Task 1: Active listening and Active writing

Podcasts are an excellent resource for philosophy study. Philosophy Bites has a series that are short (under 20 minutes) so are excellent for short walks, bus journeys and waiting for friends. It is also available on Spotify.

As you are listening note down ideas you think are important, and any questions you have ready to bring into your moral philosophy lesson. This will form part of one of your first lessons.

[Philip Schofield on Jeremy Bentham's Utilitarianism - Philosophy Bites](#)

Once you have done this, research the Principle of Utility and Bentham's Hedonic Calculus using the following website: [Utilitarianism – A Level Philosophy & Religious Studies](#)

Task 2: Active Reading & Active writing

Read the first 2 pages of this: https://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/s3-euw1-ap-pe-ws4-cws-documents.ri-prod/9781138690394/descartes_... Descartes Sceptical Arguments from here: [Philosophy for AS and A Level](#) And create a visual reminder of the three arguments (often referred to as "waves") of doubt. Responses to scepticism is an extension, there is no need to do this over the summer.

Extras

If you are looking for some extra support with Philosophy The following books are good starting points

Baggini, J, Fosl, PS, *The philosopher's toolkit: a compendium of philosophical concepts and methods*, 2nd Edition, Wiley-Blackwell, 2010

Bruce, M, Barbone, S, *Just the arguments: 100 of the most important arguments in western philosophy*, Wiley-Blackwell, 2002.

Warburton, N, *Philosophy: the essential study guide*, Routledge, 2004

