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KS3

Doing

- Visit local places of worship such as Wimbledon Park Mosque, Wimbledon Buddhist Temple or Wimbledon and District Synagogue.
- When on holiday, find out about the religion of the country you are visiting and how the local people practice it.
- Produce fact files for the six world religions Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism and Judaism. Consider their origins, beliefs and practices.
- Research the impact different pioneers for equality have had on society e.g. Gandhi, Jesus, Desmond Tutu, Oskar Schindler, Harvey Milk, Malala Yousafzai, Emily Wilding Davison, Jim Elliot, Benazir Bhutto, William Wilberforce, Elizabeth Fry.
- Research the human rights act find examples of countries around the world where people's rights are still not being granted, Mayanmar for example.
- Write a piece about whether you see religion as a force for good or for evil. Consider a range of examples throughout history.

Watching and Listening

Watch The Big Questions programme (Sunday 10am BBC1)

https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b007zpll

• Watch Life of Pi by Yann Martel or The Matrix. Consider how much truth actually matters.

Reading

- Keep up to date with current affairs via newspapers, news programmes and the internet.
- Read The Diary of Anne Frank and The Boy in Striped Pyjamas. Consider why The Holocaust happened and what it was like for those involved.

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KS4

Most of the suggestions for KS3 are still relevant for KS4

Doing

- Should war ever be a cause of celebration? Look at examples of war through history. Can any of them be justified?
- What's the difference between communism and capitalism? Give examples of countries that follow them. Is either approach justified in your opinion?
- 'Science and religion are incompatible' to what extent do you agree? Look at arguments from Richard Dawkins, Albert Einstein, John Lennox and Richard Swinburne.

Watching and Listening

- Watch Made in Dagenham, The Suffragettes and Hotel Rwanda or read Small Island by Andrea Levy, The Help by Kathryn Stockett and To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee.
 Consider to what extent we are born free and equal? How have minority groups had to fight for equality?
- Watch Life and Death Row programme BBC iPlayer. Consider how criminals should be punished? Should the death penalty ever be an option?

https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/group/b071jy7p

- Watch Vera Drake. At what stage should the abortion of a foetus become illegal?
- Watch A Short Stay in Switzerland. Should euthanasia be made legal?
- Watch Slumdog Millionaire, BBC Comic Relief or The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Consider how we should respond to poverty. Can money ever buy happiness?

Reading

- Read We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves by Karen Joy Fowler. Consider if animal testing could ever be justified.
- Read Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro and My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult. Consider
 whether people should be allowed to choose the gender of their baby. Should people be
 forced to donate their organs when they die? Should we clone humans so we can use their
 organs to cure cancer victims?



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Doing

Book yourself onto one of Peter Vardy's Candle Conferences.

https://candleconferences.com/y12-a-level-rs/

• Look at the upcoming talks at Cambridge University and attend one of interest.

http://talks.cam.ac.uk/

• Karl Marx: Online research on Karl Marx

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/marx_karl.shtml

Read and make your own notes on this topic.

Watching and Listening

• Watch Consciousness & the Brain by John Searle.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j_OPQgPIdKg

• Explore the case study of Union Carbide in Bhopal. Watch the full BBC documentary on the events (BBC one night in Bhopal)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJg19W8x Ls

• Dualism: Listen to the following podcast on consciousness and mind

https://iai.tv/iai-podcast/episodes-1-10

• Business Ethics: Listen to the following podcast on Capitalism

https://iai.tv/iai-podcast/episodes-6-10

• Natural Law: Listen to the following podcast on morality and science

https://iai.tv/iai-podcast/episodes-6-10

• Watch The Stanford Prison Experiment:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=760lwYmpXbc

• Watch this TedEd talk on 'Why Would God Allow Tsunamis?':

https://www.ted.com/talks/tom honey on god and the tsunami/up-next



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Reading

• Online research on peped.com - Summary: The Natural Law

http://www.aquinasonline.com/Topics/natlaw.html

Read and make your own notes on this topic.

• Plato: Online research on peped.com - Table: World of Forms

http://peped.org/philosophicalinvestigations/tableworldoftheforms/

Read and make the table into two pictures, one of the empirical world and one of the realm of the forms. Label each appropriately.

• Aquinas: Online research - Visit the Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy and read chapter 1 of the section on Aquinas.

https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/aquinas-moral-political/

Make your own notes on this.