

Learning Programme Year 12 Michaelmas 2: Philosophy of Religion- The Cosmological Argument

Topic/Content	Objectives/Skills	Homework	Assessment	Success Criteria (for E/S/D at KS3)	Stretch & Challenge (Thirst for Learning)
<i>Cosmological Argument</i>	<p>a) Inductive reasoning, a posteriori types of arguments.</p> <p>b) Principle of sufficient reason, explanation, interpretation of experience, movement, cause and effect, contingency, infinite regress, first cause, necessary existence, Kalam version.</p> <p>c) Strengths and weaknesses of Cosmological Arguments: probability rather than proof, brute fact, debates about infinite regress, necessary existence and God as a necessary being. Challenges to the argument.</p> <p>d) Philosophical language and thought through significant concepts and the works of key thinkers, illustrated in issues in the philosophy of religion. With reference to the ideas of Aquinas and D Hume, I Kant.</p>	<p>Read key course notes.</p> <p>Supplemental reading with provided textbook and internet resources.</p> <p>A variety of practice questions within the structure of the exam.</p>	<p>1x 30 mark question on the continuing appropriateness of natural moral law as an ethical theory</p> <p>Selection of 8 and 12 mark exam questions testing understanding and developing evaluation skills</p>	<p>See grade descriptors and level descriptors in course handbook</p>	<p>Brian Davies, "An introduction to the Philosophy of Religion."</p> <p>Internet Encyclopaedia of Philosophy.</p> <p>Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy.</p> <p>John Hick, "Philosophy of Religion."</p>