




# St Richard Reynolds Catholic

<b>SUBJECT: RE</b> <b>YEAR GROUP: 12</b>	
<b>TOPICS COVERED: Philosophy of Religion</b>	
<b>PROGRAMME OF STUDY</b>	<b>METHOD OF ASSESSMENT</b>
<b>Arguments for the Existence of God</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Design Argument</li><li>• Criticisms of the Design Argument</li><li>• Ontological Argument</li><li>• Criticisms of the Ontological Argument</li><li>• Cosmological Argument</li><li>• Criticisms of the Cosmological Argument</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keyword test</li><li>• AO1 and AO2 Questions</li></ul>
<b>Evil and Suffering</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Natural and Moral Evil</li><li>• Problem of Evil</li><li>• Responses to the Problem of Evil</li><li>• Free Will Defence</li><li>• Hick's Soul Making Theodicy</li><li>• Griffin's Process Theodicy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keyword test</li><li>• AO1 and AO2 Questions</li></ul>
<b>Religious Experience</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visions: corporeal, imaginative, intellectual</li><li>• Numinous Experiences: Rudolf Otto</li><li>• Mystical Experiences: William James</li><li>• Scientific Challenges</li><li>• Swinburne's Credulity and Testimony</li><li>• Value and Influence of Religious Experience</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keyword test</li><li>• AO1 and AO2 Questions</li></ul>

<p><b>Religious Language</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cognitive and Non-Cognitive Language</li> <li>• Challenges to Verification Principles: Ayer, Popper</li> <li>• Responses to Challenges: Hick, Hare, Wittgenstein</li> <li>• Other Views: Aquinas, Via Negativa, Tillich</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keyword test</li> <li>• AO1 and AO2 Questions</li> </ul>
<p><b>Miracles</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Different Understandings: realism, violation of nature</li> <li>• Comparison of David Hume and Maurice Wiles</li> <li>• Significance for Religion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keyword test</li> <li>• AO1 and AO2 Questions</li> </ul>
<p><b>Self, Death and the Afterlife</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existence of the Soul: Descartes</li> <li>• Body and Soul Relationship: Interactionism, Physicalism, Functionalism</li> <li>• Personal Existence after Death</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keyword test</li> <li>• AO1 and AO2 Questions</li> </ul>
<p><b>Key Skills:</b>  <b>Develop, retell, explain, analyse, describe, recognise, construct arguments, recognise diversity, interpret, make reasoned judgements, make links/connections</b></p>	