

A-Level Philosophy

Summer Preparatory Work

Please go to [coursera.com](https://www.coursera.com) and find The University of Edinburgh's *Introduction to Philosophy* MOOC. Consisting of videos and short tests, this is a free course. You will have the **option** to download the videos and transcripts, and complete assignments which will be peer-marked. At the end of the course, you will receive an e-mail congratulating you on completing it. Please keep this and forward it to me at jpomfret@saltash.net. You will be given the option of buying a certificate, which you do not have to take.

The course information states, "The course takes five weeks, and there are nine available modules. Everyone takes 'What is Philosophy?' in week one, but in the remaining four weeks, you choose one of two options." Conveniently, the first options in weeks three, four and five match what you'll be learning at A-Level, so the choice then is easy. Both the topics in week two are in the A-Level, but you can go back later and cover the module you don't choose initially. Indeed, even though you don't have to, you can study every module if you wish. Just make sure you meet the deadlines for the essential modules or you'll get lots of reminder e-mails!

As a reminder, here's what you'll be studying:

Y12

Epistemology (theories of knowledge)

Ethical theories

Y13

The nature of "God"

The nature of "Mind", to include Dualism, Physicalism and Functionalism

Good luck,

Mr. Pomfret