

# A Level Religious Studies - Summer Homework

## Exam Board: OCR

For your summer work, and as preparation for the start of the A Level Religious Studies course in September, you must do some research to develop your skills of ethical thought and discussion.

Use reliable resources to complete the following task.

### Euthanasia

Research the UK's legal position regarding **euthanasia**. Write a short essay summarising this and discussing whether you think that the law is right (i.e. that it is forbidden) or needs to change. Make sure that you give reasons to support your answer.

The essay should be no more than two sides of A4 and should be typed (if handwritten, then this should be 4 sides of A4). Try to keep the summary of the law brief, and highlight the discussion that follows. Ensure that you add as much detail as you can to support the arguments; for instance, if you argue that the Bible forbids euthanasia, note where in the Bible this is stated. Try to think through the implications of your arguments.

The **deadline** for this work is your **first A Level Religious Studies lesson in September**.

Your essay should be an example of your best work and should demonstrate your commitment to Advanced Level learning.

#### Useful Websites

Websites regarding the law on euthanasia:

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/euthanasiaandassistedsuicide/pages/introduction.aspx>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Euthanasia\\_in\\_the\\_United\\_Kingdom](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Euthanasia_in_the_United_Kingdom)

Websites providing some reasons for/against euthanasia:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/ethics/euthanasia/infavour/infavour\\_1.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/ethics/euthanasia/infavour/infavour_1.shtml)

<http://www.euthanasia.com/argumentsagainsteuthanasia.html>

Please remember to bring an A4 folder, paper, pens, pencil and a ruler to every lesson