Pre-Learning – Philosophy and Ethics

In order to prepare you for success on your Religious Studies A-Level, over the summer we would like you to complete the following tasks:

Read	The famous 1948 between Frederick Copleston and Bertrand Russell is still seen as a defining philosophical debate of our time. Read the extract and consider the strength of arguments for and against God's existence RussellCoplestonDebate
Listen	Listen to this podcast exploring the idea of original sin and its impact on politics, gender and notions of morality in western culture, examining Augustine, Milton, the Masaccio frescoes and Charles Darwin. The Fall BBC In Our Time podcast
Watch	Tsunami: Where was God?: a two hour special for Channel Four, tried to penetrate one of the hardest religious conundrums: belief in an Almighty, benevolent Creator in the wake of suffering and hardship. This programme won the Radio Times best religious documentary of the year award in May 2006. My Tsunami Journey – Mark Dowd
Do	Research and create a profile card on one of the following philosophers (at least one A4 page): Thomas Aquinas Plato Aristotle Augustine Rene Descartes Immanuel Kant