



Wood Green School

## Summer Preparation Task

Religious Studies - Philosophy

### Purpose of task:

To explore the origins of philosophical thinking and how it attempted to define the nature of reality.

### Task:

#### The Ancient Greeks

After reading the article 'An Introduction to Ancient Greek Philosophy', answer the following questions:

1. Give a definition of the term 'philosophy' with reference to its two parts.
2. Explain what it was that the ancient Greeks sought to know.
3. Explain the Greek's aim to understand the framework in relation to the details of existence. Refer to the building trade metaphor in your explanation.
4. What impact did philosophy as 'knowledge of Reality or Being' have on how a person lived?
5. Why did the ancient Greeks distinguish humanity from other sentient beings?
6. Bernard Lonergan argues that the distinction is due to our capacity for self-transcendence. What does this mean?
7. Explain the 'anti-philosopher' stance held by (a) the Sophists and (b) the Skeptics.
8. To what does the term 'pre-Socratic' refer?

### Recommended resources:

#### Article:

**'An Introduction to Ancient Greek Philosophy'**

This can be found in the Summer Tasks page on the school website under 'Religious Studies, Philosophy task'

**Deadline for Task:** First lesson in week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017