

# GETTING AHEAD



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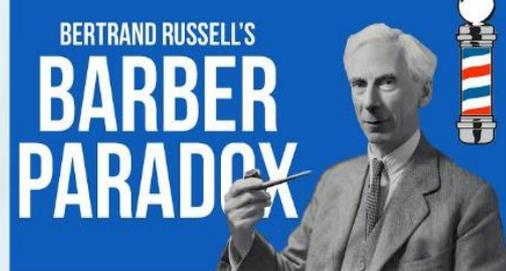
Start to develop skills that are relevant to your course before you join HSDC this September!

## Philosophy, Religion and Ethics – A Level

This work is designed to supplement the previous Getting Ahead work. The tasks are optional however, you will get a fuller understanding of the type of thinking you need to adopt on this course.

### Activity 1: The impossible Barber

#### The impossible barber



A certain barber is very particular about his work.  
He shaves every person who does not shave themselves, and no one who does shave themselves.  
So: does the barber shave himself?

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## Activity 2: The Moral Machine (an MIT project on Machine Intelligence)

<https://www.moralmachine.net/>

This is a 'real time' project where you can compare your moral decisions to other users.

This platform allows you to make moral decisions in relation to driverless cars. You also have the opportunity to design your own driverless car.

## Activity 3: The Ship of Theseus



<https://wi-phi.com/videos/ship-of-theseus/>

What does it take for an object to persist over time?

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## Activity 4: Watch at least one of the following movies

(Most are available on Netflix or YouTube or if you have a friend that has the movie get them to stream it on Twitch)

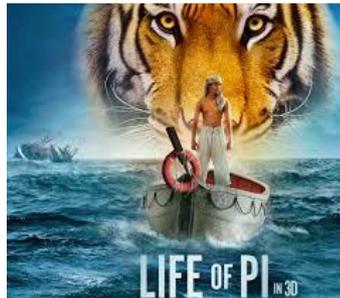


### **SPIRITED AWAY**

**Themes:** *Shinto, Buddhism, the nature*

### **LIFE OF PI**

**Themes:** *Morality, Religion, the nature of existence.*



### **DEATH NOTE (anime version)**

**Themes:** *Morality  
Value of life, playing 'God'.*

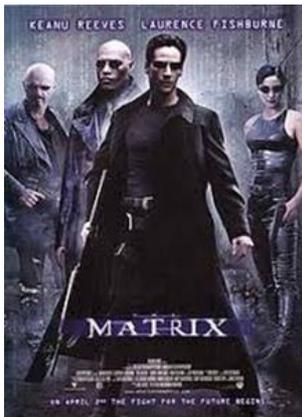
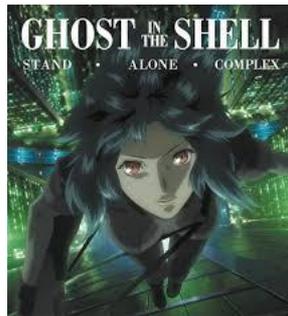


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## GHOST IN THE SHELL

**Themes:** *The nature of self, Dualism, perception of reality.*



## THE MATRIX

**Themes:** *Dualism, the nature of existence, reality vs illusion.*

## THE TRUMAN SHOW

**Themes:** *The meaning of life, what it is to be a person, concept of free will.*



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