



Religious Studies Transition work.

### The Sage Train

To prepare for the A Level RS course, I would like you to read “The Sage Train”.

In the book two dead figures, G.K. Chesterton and Friedrich Nietzsche meet on a remote heavenly path. They don't get on. The only thing they have in common is some food and a tatty old book. In life Chesterton had been a Catholic. Nietzsche, with his roots in antiquity – had held radically different views. Unable to agree, they decide to visit some Sages (philosophers) and see what they had to say.

*The Sage Train* explores the lives of eight, very different, philosophers and the theories for which they are known.

The book will introduce you to philosophical and ethical ideas that we will explore throughout the course and raise questions for you to consider. As you read, for each chapter note down the ideas that you think are introduced or explored and any questions that the story raises for you.

There is a website to accompany the book that contains brief introductions to each of the philosophers:

[www.thesagetrain.co.uk](http://www.thesagetrain.co.uk)

If you did not attend the year 12 induction afternoon, please email [schooloffice@nghs.org.uk](mailto:schooloffice@nghs.org.uk) to arrange a time to collect your copy of the book.