

How To Use Past Papers

Past papers are available at www.sqa.org.uk and are useful for gaining exam techniques and practising answering exam type questions in the correct time. Pupils have also been given a past paper question booklet to practice with.

Study Opportunities

- Timetabled study periods.
- Lunchtime or after school individual study appointments with class teacher.
- Provision of materials on the philosophy Google Classroom.
- Additional work completed at home and taken in to the teacher to be marked .

Useful Websites

<http://philosophybites.com/>

(Here you will find a set of excellent philosophy podcasts to listen to on various subjects. They can also be downloaded for free from iTunes.)

<https://www.routledge.com/collections/11213/27299>

(Explore this website for helpful summaries on most topics, useful tips for revision and exams, and good links to interesting philosophy websites.)

<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/descartes-epistemology/>

(Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy - Descartes' Meditations. Also has detailed entries for all other topics studied.)

Useful Books

These books are fantastic for a variety of reasons. They are also available for pupils to borrow from myself.

- Philosophy for AS and A Level by Michael Lacewing
- A Beginner's Guide to Descartes Meditations by Gareth Southwell.
- Ethical Studies, second edition by Robert Bowie.
- Moral Problems, second edition by Michael Palmer.
- Descartes' 'Meditations' A Reader's Guide, by Richard Francks.
- Hume's Enquiry concerning Human Understanding: A Reader's Guide by Alan Bailey

Higher Philosophy: Revision



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Higher PhilosophyThe Experiences and Outcomes of the Course

Exam Information

Higher Philosophy involves two different exam papers.

Paper 1:

60 Marks

2 hours 15minutes

1 x 30 mark essay question on either Hume or Descartes.

1 x 30 mark essay question on either Utilitarianism or Kantian ethics.

Paper 2:

50 marks

1 hour 45 minutes

10 marks on Arguments in Action

20 marks on Knowledge and Doubt

20 marks on Moral Philosophy

Course Assessment

To gain the award of the Course, the candidate must achieve success in all three internal units of the Course in addition to passing two exam papers.

Mandatory Units

Unit 1. Arguments in Action

Unit 2. Knowledge and Doubt

Unit 3. Moral Philosophy

Internal assessment dates, including practice assessments, for all Units are outlined in the philosophy calendar, which has been provided to all students via the philosophy Google Classroom.

The Challenges

Philosophy is a 'crash' subject and although demanding, is very rewarding.

Skills developed throughout the course include the ability to be very analytical, provide clear and innovative thinking, and question assumptions.

By enhancing students' thinking and reasoning skills, the course also provides a valuable contribution to their personal, social and intellectual development.

