



Philosophy National 5



AWARD RECEIVED:

- **National 5 Philosophy**

ENTRY LEVEL:

- You do not need to have done Elective Philosophy in S2/3 to do National 5 Philosophy.
- Your S3 RMPS teacher and/or your S3 Elective Philosophy teacher will tell you whether or not we recommend National 5 Philosophy for you. Unlike other subjects, SQA do not offer Philosophy at National 4 level so there is no opportunity to drop down a level if you are finding the course too challenging. Please consider your teacher's recommendation carefully for this reason.
- If your teacher does not recommend National 5 Philosophy and you still want to study this subject, you should consider N4/5 RMPS. You can access information about this course in the S3 Course Choice Handbook.

COURSE CONTENT – What will I learn?

The National 5 Philosophy course has three areas of study. Each area offers opportunities for candidates to focus on particular skills.

Arguments in Action



This unit is for anyone who likes a good argument!

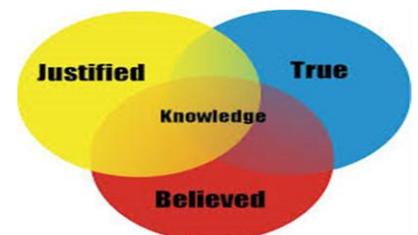
How do we define good arguments? Well it has to be formed a certain way, it has to make sense and it has to be true.

This topic is the foundation for all the others in the course. If we can recognise good arguments and flaws in arguments then we can assess the reasoning of others in every discussion we enter into.

Knowledge and Doubt

You will examine theories regarding the nature of knowledge and how it is acquired, and be introduced to criticisms of these theories

In this unit we study Descartes and Hume.



Moral Philosophy



Our Selected Moral Theories are Utilitarianism and Kantian Ethics.

How do we decide right and wrong? You will study the great thinkers of the past—Mill, Kant, Bentham, and others.

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Added Value (a mandatory piece of course-work.)	<p>The Added Value for National 5 is an extended essay based on one of the three units above.</p> <p>You will work independently to identify a topic, conduct research, and create a plan. You will then use this plan to write your final assignment under exam conditions.</p> <p>It is worth 20% of your final mark.</p>						
Exam	<p>There is an end of course exam for National 5 Philosophy. It lasts 2 hours 20 minutes, is marked out of 80 and worth 80% of your final mark.</p> <p>There will be three sections in the exam paper:</p> <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>Arguments in Action</td> <td>20 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Knowledge and Doubt</td> <td>30 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Moral Philosophy</td> <td>30 marks</td> </tr> </table>	Arguments in Action	20 marks	Knowledge and Doubt	30 marks	Moral Philosophy	30 marks
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TEACHING METHODS: What will I do?

Teachers will use a wide range of approaches to develop your knowledge, understanding and skills: whole class direct and interactive teaching; individual, paired and group activities; use of ICT; and use of the school's Learning Resource Centre will all be features of your learning experience. Your teachers will make your learning as active and fun as possible. As a result of your experiences, you will acquire transferable skills for learning, life and work.

ASSESSMENT: How will I be assessed?



You will be given regular homework for National 5 Philosophy. Extra study will also be required at assessment times.

PROGRESSION IN THE SENIOR PHASE:

- A National 5 pass could lead to Higher in S5.

