



Philosophy Higher



AWARD RECEIVED:

- Higher Philosophy

ENTRY LEVEL:

- National 5 Philosophy
- Pass in Higher English or social subject

COURSE CONTENT – What will I learn?

The Higher 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!

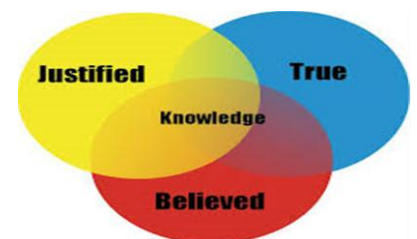
How do we define good arguments? Well it has to be formed a certain way, it has to make sense and it has to be true.

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.

Assessment

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2018/19 onwards there is no longer a course work element of Higher Philosophy.	
Exam	<p>There is an end of course exam. There are two papers:</p> <p>Question paper 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 hour 45 minutes• Worth 50 marks (45%)• Short answer questions• 3 sections (Section 1: Arguments in Action – 30 marks; Section 2: Knowledge and Doubt – 10 marks; Section 3: Moral Philosophy – 10 marks) <p>Question paper 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 hours 15 minutes• Worth 60 marks (55%)• Extended essay questions• 2 sections (Section 1: Knowledge and Doubt – 30 marks; Section 2: Moral Philosophy – 30 marks)

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 Higher Philosophy. Extra study will also be required at assessment times.

PROGRESSION IN THE SENIOR PHASE:



- Those who achieve a pass in Higher Philosophy may wish to study Higher RMPS.