

Supporting Your Learner

Advanced Higher

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Course Outline

Unit 1: Philosophy of Religion

This unit is based on the ancient and contemporary arguments for the existence of God.

The Cosmological Arguments for the Existence of God

The Design Argument for the Existence of God

Atheism

Unit 2: Personal Research

You will carry out independent research and choose a topic of your choice from within the course content. A list of potential topics will be provided. You will be able to develop the following skills: planning, organising, evaluation and presentation. And finally present a 4000 word dissertation.

Unit 3: Medical Ethics

Medical Ethics is at the forefront of media coverage on ethical issues. You will explore issues raised relating to three areas.

All responses will involve you analysing and evaluating publications and developments from a number of organisations; including, the British Medical Association and Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority.



Exam Preparation

As the examinations diet looms, pupils should start looking at and past papers. Pupils should carry out practise sessions, were pupils should answer questions under timed conditions. The final paper consists of answering 2 questions in 2 hours. So pupils should practise answering the 30 mark questions.

The final Advanced Higher RMPS examination is broken up into **TWO** sections. The first section, Philosophy of Religion, is mandatory and pupils are offered **2** questions of which they answer **ONE**. The second section is made of two parts: (A) Religious Experience and; (B) Medical Ethics. At Knox Academy we have studied **Medical Ethics**, and once again the pupils are offered **2 questions of which they answer one**.

Useful Websites

Philosophy of Religion
BBC Religions: Christianity
BBC Religion and Ethics
BBC Ethics Guide
BBC Ethics: Abortion
BBC Ethics: Euthanasia
BBC Ethics: Organ Donation

Useful Textbooks

We have a sample copy, in the department, of most RMPS textbooks and can offer individual advice on what the best option for each pupil may be. A few are listed below.

Access to Religion and Philosophy Series: Philosophy of Religion by Peter Cole

Access to Religion and Philosophy Series: Medical Ethics by Michael Wilcockson

Humanism by Peter Cave.

Practical Ethics by Peter Singer.

Revision Classes

Mr Raphael offers revision classes from 8:10am every morning. Pupils are always welcome and Mr Raphael will facilitate a meeting at lunchtime or after school on an individual basis.



SQA Past Papers

Follow the hyperlinks below to the SQA website.

[SQA past papers \(Old Advanced Higher\)](#)

[SQA past papers \(New Advanced Higher\)](#)

Understanding Standards

As yet, there are no Understanding Standards materials available from the SQA, for Advanced Higher RMPS. However, as soon as they become available, they will be uploaded here.

