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Course Outline

In Higher Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies (RMPS) pupils study three main areas;

- ✓ World Religion: Buddhism
- ✓ Morality and Belief: Religion and Justice
- ✓ Religious and Philosophical Questions: Origins

Pupils will complete a research assignment which will account for **33% of their overall grade** on a religious, moral or philosophical issue of their choice. This is an individual piece of work which pupils are expected to complete predominantly in their own time with minimal support.

Pupils will also undertake a final SQA exam which will be comprised of essay based questions on these three areas of study.



Exam Preparation

The RMPS exam is 2 hours and 15 minutes and is broken into 3 sections of equal marks. The World Religions unit (Buddhism) will be comprised of two 10 mark essays as will the Morality and Belief unit (Religion and Justice). The Religious and Philosophical Questions unit (Origins) will be one 20 mark essay. Pupils should attempt timed practice questions at home and we will do likewise in class.

Useful Websites

Higher RMPS candidates should use a wide range of websites to help them prepare and develop throughout the course. One of the most valuable ways to enhance their knowledge is to regularly research any relevant issues that are in the news. Thus websites such as; The [BBC](#), [Guardian](#), [Telegraph](#), [Independent](#), [Scotsman](#) or any other quality newspaper will be of great use. Furthermore the BBC [Religion and Ethics](#) page has a huge variety of relevant and interesting articles for pupils to access. Pupils will also find class powerpoints, resources and support on [Google Classroom](#). Ms Brannigan will tweet relevant news articles etc from [MsB_RME](#).

Useful Textbooks

The following websites sell revision and course notes as well as past papers. 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.

[Hodder Education](#)
[Leckie and Leckie](#)

Revision Classes

Currently Higher revision classes are offered by Ms Brannigan on a Tuesday after school or a Wednesday at lunch time. Pupils are also always very welcome to seek her out for advice at lunch or at the start or end of any other day.



SQA Past Papers

The link below will allow you to access the most recent past examination papers as well as specimen papers produced by the SQA. There are also Marking Schemes on this page.

[SQA Higher RMPS Past Papers \(Old Higher\)](#)

[SQA Higher RMPS Past Papers \(New Higher\)](#)

Understanding Standards

The link below to the SQA website will allow you to see where markers have awarded marks to exemplar papers and read the markers' comments on the candidate's response. It is especially helpful in identifying where marks are awarded for analysis and for evaluation.

[Understanding Standards: Higher RMPS](#)

