

Supporting Your Learner

National 3 and 4

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Course Outline

In National 3/4 RMPS candidates will study three main topic areas.

Morality and Belief:

- Religion and Relationships (S4)
- Religion and Justice (S5&6)

World Religions:

- Islam (S4)
- Buddhism (S5&6)

Religious and Philosophical Questions:

- Existence of God (S4,5&6)

At National 3 and 4 levels there is no SQA examination. Pupils must complete unit assessments on each of the above units. Pupils will also complete a research assignment (the Added Value Unit) and report which will be judged on a pass or fail basis. All units must be completed before the end of the course if the SQA are to issue the qualification

National 5 candidates should aim to carry out regular independent research throughout the year in keeping with the topic they are studying.

Added Value Unit

As part of the course outcomes, pupils sitting National 4 are required to complete an Added Value Unit. This unit consists of a research task and should comment on a religious, moral or philosophical issue in the world today. Pupils must choose a topic area and carry out research from a variety of sources. Pupils must also present their research and come to a decision or conclusion about the issue.



Useful Websites

National 3/4 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. The below websites are also extremely helpful for researching religious beliefs and practices and moral issues.

[BBC Religions](#)
[BBC Ethics](#)

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](#)

Revision Classes

Currently, revision classes are offered by Miss Brannigan on a Tuesday for S4's and Mr McCrae on a Thursday for S5's. Pupils are also always welcome to seek out either teacher for advice at lunch or at the start or end of the day.

[Revision Timetable](#)



SQA Support

The link below will allow you to access the SQA's Parent page which will provide an overview of National Qualifications as well as helping with decisions about next steps.

[SQA Support for Parent](#)

[National 3/4](#)

