

Supporting Your Learner

National 5

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Course Outline

In National 5 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)

Pupils will also complete a research assignment which will account for 25% of their overall grade. Candidates will also undertake a final SQA exam which will be comprised of knowledge and source based questions on these three areas of study.

National 5 candidates should aim to carry out regular independent research throughout the year and dedicate time each week to review course content.

Exam Preparation

As the National 5 RMPS exam approaches, pupils should carry out as much timed practise of exam questions as possible, as well as increasing the volume of research they complete. Source analysis questions and knowledge questions both require strict time management and pupils should be encouraged to practise under timed conditions.

The RMPS exam is broken up into three sections, each worth 20 marks. 30 minutes is allocated to each 20 mark section. Questions generally range from 3 marks to 8 marks. Pupils should also prepare by practising past paper questions under timed conditions. Pupils will have the opportunity to carry out exam practise in class also.

Useful Websites

National 5 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 Ms 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 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 Past Papers](#)

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 knowledge.

[Understanding Standards: National 5 RMPS](#)

