

# Philosophy National 5

## What will I study?

There are three units and an assignment.

**Arguments in Action** – Pupils will develop the ability to examine and assess the reliability of simple arguments. How to argue well and some of the common mistakes people make when arguing.

**Knowledge and Doubt** – We explore how we come to have knowledge of the world in which we live. To find out where the ideas we have of the world come from.

**Moral Philosophy** - Pupils examine two theories regarding moral decision-making and how these theories might be applied to specific situations. They are asked to understand and be able to evaluate these theories.

**Assignment** – Pupils will choose a Philosophical question from the course. They will then present and evaluate responses to the question including their own.

## What skills will I develop?

This course will help pupils develop:

- Reasoning skills based on the study of some philosophical problems
- The ability to analyse and evaluate how good/bad arguments are
- The ability to engage with abstract thought and gives pupils insight to the thoughts and ideas of others
- The ability to explain, analyse and evaluate philosophical theories and ideas which help us to understand how people think and why they behave as they do
- Research, analysis and evaluation skills.

## How will I be assessed?

There will be ongoing class unit assessment throughout the year.

The SQA Exam consists of a Question Paper and an Assignment.

The question paper has 80 marks and is completed in 2 hours and 20 mins.

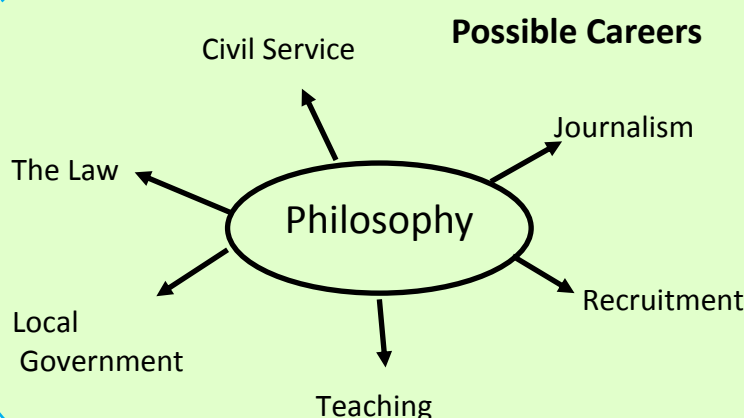
The assignment has 20 marks and is written up under exam conditions in class time of one hour.

These marks are combined to give a final grade.

## What help is Philosophy after school?

Philosophy helps us to understand the world we live in by providing us with the building blocks we use to understand the world.

Philosophy provides the reasoning skills which are essential in all aspects of life. Pupils are not told what to think but are given the tools to think more effectively.



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