

**Study Skills**  
**Course Milestones for Students**

Please fill in sheets outlining what subjects/topics activities should be covered/completed by when.

This will inform students on what they need to focus on throughout their study skills period.

**Course Title: Philosophy**

**Level: National 5/Higher**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Work to be covered/Topics/Activities/Assignments</b>
June/July	<p><u>Introduction</u> What is philosophy? What are philosophical questions? (Sophia playlist Introduction to Philosophy tutorials 1-4)</p> <p><u>Arguments in Action</u> Definition of an argument; statements; premises and conclusions; hidden premises; rhetorical questions (Sophia playlist Arguments in Action - Knowledge and understanding)</p> <p><u>Knowledge and Doubt</u> What is knowledge? (Tripartite theory of knowledge, the Gettier problem, the infinite regress problem); How is knowledge acquired? (Rationalism, Empiricism, innate ideas); Can knowledge claims be justified? (Problems with rationalism &amp; empiricism, solipsism). <b>Unit Assessment Knowledge and Doubt (The Nature of Knowledge Essay)</b></p>
August	<p><u>Arguments in Action</u> Intermediate conclusions; argument diagrams; deductive arguments (validity and soundness); inductive arguments (strength and cogency); (Sophia playlist Arguments in Action- The Nature of Arguments - knowledge and understanding)</p> <p><u>Knowledge and Doubt</u> Descartes' Meditations on First Philosophy: Meditation 1 (Descartes' method, the Dream Argument, Evil Genius).</p>
September	<p><u>Arguments in Action</u> Formal fallacies- Denying the Antecedent; affirming the consequent; Informal fallacies- Post Hoc Ergo Propter Hoc; ; attacking the person; illegitimate appeals to authority; slippery slope; issues to do with acceptability, relevance and sufficiency (Sophia playlist Arguments in Action- Evaluating Arguments tutorials) Practice assessment - <b>Unit Assessment Arguments in Action and Summative Assessment Test</b></p> <p><u>Knowledge and Doubt</u> Descartes' Meditations on First Philosophy: Meditation 2 (The Cogito)</p>
October	<p><u>Moral Philosophy -Utilitarianism</u> Normative ethics; Greatest happiness Principle; The Consequentialist</p>

	<p>principle; The Hedonic Principle; Hedonic Calculus; Mill's Higher and Lower Pleasures; Competent Judges; The Equity Principle</p> <p><u>Knowledge and Doubt</u></p> <p>Descartes' Meditations on First Philosophy: Meditation 3 (The Clear and Distinct Rule, the role of God, the Trademark Argument, the Cartesian Circle).</p>
November	<p><u>Moral Philosophy - Utilitarianism</u></p> <p>Act and Rule Utilitarianism; problems with happiness; problems with consequences; problems with equity; Is utilitarianism unrealistic; practice assessments <b>Unit Assessment Moral Philosophy</b></p> <p><u>Knowledge and Doubt</u></p> <p>Meditation 3 (cont.)</p> <p><b>Unit Assessment Knowledge and Doubt (Descartes)</b></p>
December	<p><u>Moral philosophy - Kantianism</u></p> <p>Background to Kant; deontology; the Good Will; sovereignty of reason; duty vs inclination; maxims; categorical imperative; universal law formulation (Sophia playlist- Kantianism tutorials 1-8)</p> <p><u>Knowledge and Doubt</u></p> <p>Hume (Impressions &amp; Ideas)</p>
January	<p><u>Moral Philosophy - Kantianism</u></p> <p>Universal law formulation - contradiction in the will; contradiction in conception</p> <p><u>Knowledge and Doubt</u></p> <p>Hume (Impressions &amp; Ideas)</p> <p><b>Revision (Sophia tutorials) Prelim Examinations</b></p>
February	<p><u>Moral Philosophy - Kantianism</u></p> <p>The End in Itself formulation; The Kingdom of Ends; more on duties; problems with motives; problems with maxims; problems with duties; (Sophia playlist- Kantianism tutorials 11-21)</p> <p><u>Knowledge and Doubt</u></p> <p>Hume (The Missing Shade of Blue, Hume's Fork, Causation, the problem of Induction). <b>Unit Assessment Knowledge and Doubt (Hume)</b></p> <p><u>Philosophy Assignment</u></p>
March	<p><u>Arguments in Action</u></p> <p>Review of material and application to exam specimen/past papers</p> <p><u>Moral Philosophy - Utilitarianism</u></p> <p>Review of material and application to exam specimen/past papers</p> <p><u>Knowledge and Doubt - Descartes</u></p> <p>Review of material and application to exam specimen/past papers</p> <p><u>Philosophy Assignment</u></p>

<p>April</p>	<p><u>Moral Philosophy - Kantianism</u>  Review of material and application to exam specimen/past papers  <u>Knowledge and Doubt - Hume</u>  Review of material and application to exam specimen/past papers  <u>Philosophy Assignment</u></p>
<p>Study Skills Course  Directory of Support Resources</p>	

Please fill in details below outlining what support is available for students completing this course. Please include on-line resources, books and details of revision sessions. If appropriate match the resource to the topics in the milestone calendar.

Resources	Topic/Activity/Assignment
<p>Course work book  Course Assessment sheet  Sophia playlists on Nature of Arguments and Reliable and Unreliable Arguments with tutorials on all the topics</p>	<p>Arguments in Action</p>
<p>Course work booklet  Course assessment sheet  Sophia playlists (currently under construction)</p>	<p>Moral Philosophy  Utilitarianism</p>
<p>Course work book  Course assessment sheet  Sophia playlists on Kantianism with tutorials on all topics</p>	<p>Moral Philosophy  Kantianism</p>
<p>Course work book  Course assessment booklets  Sophia playlists on Knowledge and Doubt with tutorials on all topics</p>	<p>Knowledge and Doubt</p>
<p>Class textbooks:  Philosophy the Basics</p>	<p>General resources</p>

Philosophy classic texts

Open door sessions available in the Department Monday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes - pupils can get extra support with homework and have access to computers to work..

Supported Study/Revision Sessions