

# Philosophy 1&2

## What is it and why should I do it?

Literally, 'Philosophy' translates into 'love of knowledge'. True to its description, philosophy tries to discover truths in the world. How do we know what we know? What is time? How do you decide what the right thing to do is in any given situation? Where did 'morality' come from anyway? Can anything really be said to be true? What is *good*?

In Philosophy we explore all these questions and more, assisting you with your written and verbal communication skills (you'll learn to argue *well*), and thinking critically about the world.

## What will I do in class?

In class we read from primary and secondary texts, watch videos and discuss our ideas. The class is divided up between discussing philosophical questions, learning the theory behind common philosophical positions, and doing written work (identifying your position on a topic and arguing for it using logical reasoning). As class discussions are very common, it is crucial that you are able to actively listen to other students and be willing to challenge your own assumptions.

## How much homework will I have?

This class will require you to do some homework, mostly reading texts or short answer questions from your textbook.

## How do I satisfactorily complete the unit?

To show that you have met the Outcomes in Philosophy units you will typically have to complete two SACs per term. These range from short answer questions, essays, dialogues (scripts) and/or presentations. There will be a mid and end of year exam that you will have to complete to a satisfactory level to pass the unit.

## Give me all the details I want to know more:

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