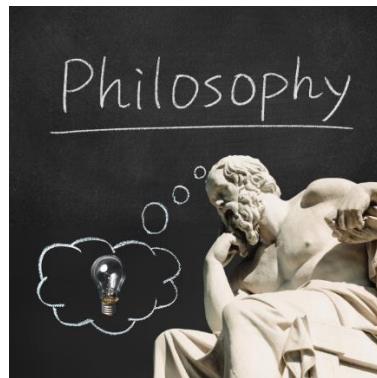


A Level Philosophy

Stepping-Up to Year 13 Information



Where can I find lesson materials?

Every student has been given a copy of the **course specification** to put in their course folder. Spares are available in room G. Guided learning packs and lesson powerpoints also contain relevant specification sections to support students with content and revision.

Copies of the **lesson powerpoints** are shared in lesson and spares are available in class.

Textbooks and **revision books** are available in room G and you can access these whenever you need to. Please **sign the books out** if you are **taking them out** of the classroom. There is a sign-out book on the shelf next to the books.

In our **Teams** and **Sharepoint** you will find:

- Specification
- Lesson powerpoints
- Lacewing resources
- Guided Learning packs
- PDF copies of Textbooks

What does homework look like?

Homework this year will either be revision for our fortnightly in-school exam practice slot or an essay.

As part of this homework, you will need to make 5-mark revision cards using lesson resources, guided learning packs and revision books.

Homework is set on **Classcharts** on a **Wednesday** and will be completed during the **Wednesday assessment slot**. When homework is an **essay** this will be set on a **Friday** with a **two-week** window for completion.

Feedback in class will include **guidance on how to improve your answers** and **exemplars**. You will have the **opportunity to review** and **improve** your answers during in-lesson feedback **sessions**.

What does Guided Learning look like?

You have **Guided Learning booklets** that focus on specific areas of the specification. The tasks in the booklets are designed to support you deepen your subject knowledge and understanding of the philosophical arguments.

As part of your guided learning you should be **transforming the information** that is in your booklets and classnotes, into revision materials – primarily 5-mark cards. This is to help you to start the process of **revision** from the beginning of the year.

Within your Guided Learning booklet you will also find exam questions at all levels (3-mark up to 25-mark essays) for you to practise.

What are the best revision strategies?

The first phase of revision is **knowledge organising**. You should be doing this as you go, by making 5-mark cards for each argument that we study. This is part of your **guided learning** and **revision homework**.

The second phase of revision is **practise**. Once you have made your cards you can test your subject knowledge. One of the best ways to do this is by practising writing 5-mark answers. Hide your card and have a go at writing the answer.

Once you have done this you can **feedback** (the third phase of revision) by checking your answer against your card and seeing where there are gaps in your knowledge.

You can use your 5-mark cards to build your 12-mark answers.

Additionally, you can take the cards for sections of the specification and use them to begin to plan your essays. Once planned, it is **excellent practise** to have a go at **writing the essays**.

Afterschool revision is offered every Tuesday.

Useful revision websites

<https://routledgetextbooks.com/textbooks/9781138690394/>

This is the Website for the Lacewing books and all of his resources, including ppts, additional materials and useful links.

<https://philosophyalevel.com/aqa-philosophy-revision-notes/>

This is the website from the author of the book *How to Get an A in Philosophy A level*

<https://royalinstitutephilosophy.org/news/a-level-guides/>

This website contains downloadable A level revision guides from the Royal Institute of Philosophy

[Philosophy Gets Schooled Podcast](#) – available online