

DEPARTMENT**RMPS****TITLE OF COURSE****RMPS Core****LEVEL****National 4 and 5****RECOMMENDED ENTRY LEVELS****Completion of broad general education in S3 to level 3 or 4****Why Study National 4 and 5 RMPS?**

It is compulsory for all learners in Scotland to complete learning in Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies. Undertaking RMPS contributes to learners understanding of the society in which they live and work by helping them learn about, and from, religious beliefs, non-religious viewpoints and their own experiences. In addition RMPS develops skills in critical thinking and develops tolerance and open-mindedness.

COURSE CONTENT:

In S3 learners will develop an understanding of a contemporary moral issue: Religion, Medicine and the human body. This unit investigates medical ethics, including euthanasia and stem cell research and the religious and moral responses to that issue. They will be expected to study the issue and be able to express their views in a reasoned manner.

In addition all learners in S3 study Buddhism and develop an awareness of this religion.

S4 learners begin by understanding the place of Christianity in modern Scotland. They then focus on a Religious and Philosophical Question: the Existence of God. They will develop an understanding of the philosophical arguments surrounding the Existence of God. Successful completion of this unit results in each learner gaining an SQA unit award in RMPS.

METHODOLOGY:

During the course, you will develop the skills gained in the S1/2 course. You will participate in class discussion and debate. There will be opportunities to use ICT to enhance learning. There will also be visiting speakers in both S3 and S4.

ASSESSMENT:

Learners will complete assessments at which ever level is appropriate. There will be unit assessments at the end of each unit at either National 4 or 5 level.

7th OPTION:

Some learners are given the option of studying for a 7th qualification in S4. RMPS is one option learners can select. By completion of the S3 Religion, Medicine and the Human body, and the S4 Religious and Philosophical Questions unit in core, learners are 2/3 of the way through the N5 course. In the two additional periods provided in S4 learners will study Islam and complete the N5 assignment, enabling them to sit the N5 exam in May.