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# PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

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## TOP TIPS

for becoming a successful Post 16 PHILOSOPHY student



- 1** Review lesson material after a lesson. Use the Cornell notes format and write the summary section to condense the lesson's learning. Add to a mindmap for that term's topic.
- 2** Read handouts in advance and reread them afterwards. Make flashcards for key terminology and ideas and use a 'Leitner Box' format to learn them.
- 3** Watch Youtube videos particularly from named modern philosophers on the syllabus e.g. David Chalmers, Frank Jackson.
- 4** Watch Wireless Philosophy podcasts, particularly about epistemology. Make notes on what you have watched.
- 5** Read the Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy entry for a topic.
- 6** Use the Routledge website including powerpoints and their flashcard material.
- 7** Make a 'brain-dump' mindmap of everything you can remember about a syllabus topic. Check this against a 'master map' compiled systematically after each lesson.
- 8** At the end of every week, spend the last hour in school reviewing the week's topics. At the end of every term, spend the last hour in school reviewing the term's topics.
- 9** Make a 'Cue Card' for a short-answer question. Write the short-answer question. Check this against the examiners' notes for the question concerned.
- 10** Plan three six-to-eight paragraph critical essays, and write one.
- 11** Keep up with philosophical topics in the news. There's often material relevant to the moral philosophy and philosophy of mind topics.