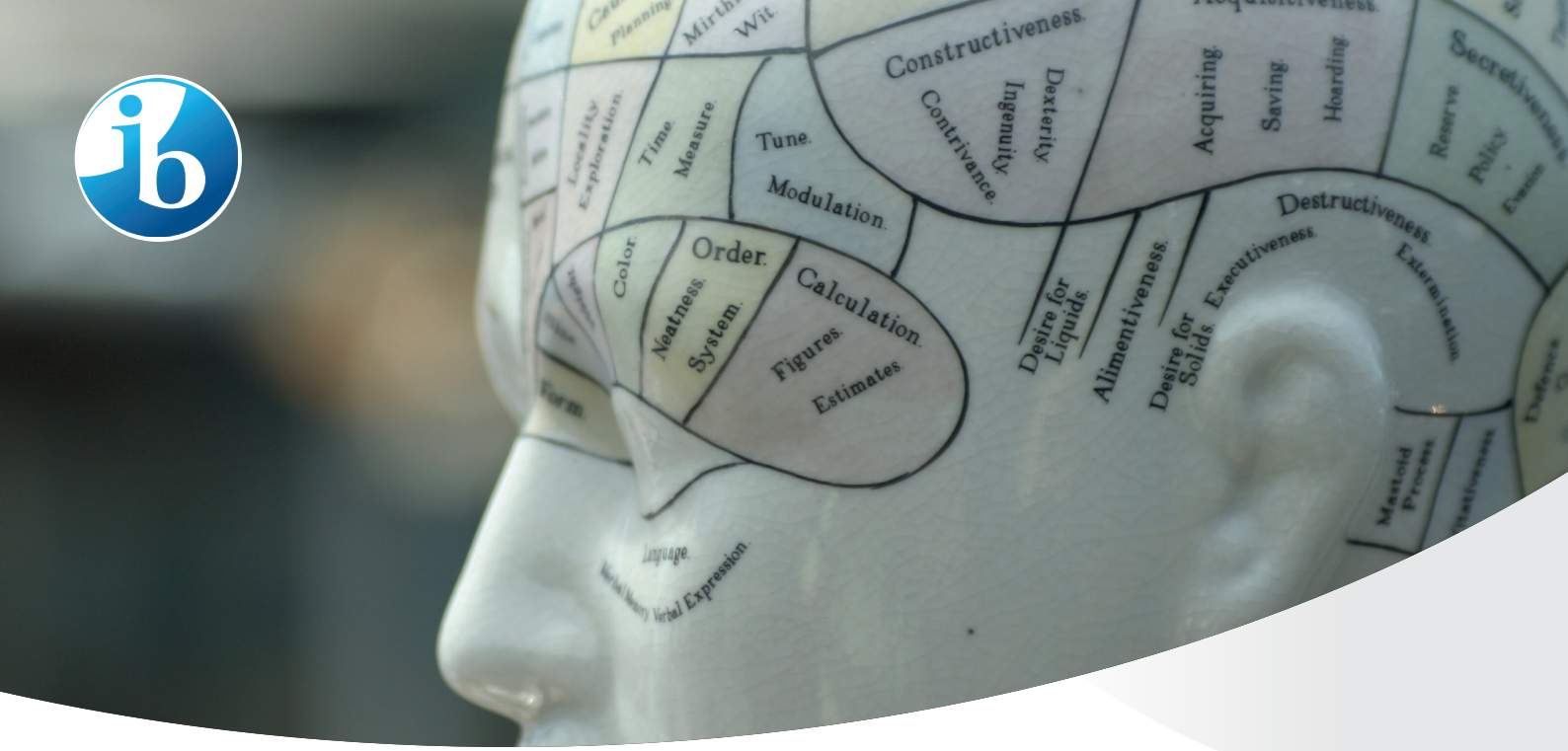

PHILOSOPHY

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WHY SHOULD I STUDY IB PHILOSOPHY?

The Philosophy course is a practical thinking course and as such it is an exciting choice for Group 3. Pupils taking this course engage with a wide variety of stimulus material, from extracts of original philosophy to non-philosophical video, propaganda, cartoons, podcasts and artworks. They also have the opportunity to read Descartes Meditations in its entirety. Philosophy is not an easy choice but is very rewarding.

WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT?

Pupils explore three key areas of Philosophy: Philosophy of Mind: What is the nature of consciousness; Epistemology: What can be known; Political Philosophy: How should I rule or be ruled.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Pupils study two topics at Standard Level and three at Higher Level as well as engaging with a full philosophical text. At higher level students complete an intellectual autobiography. All pupils complete a coursework piece based on a non-philosophical stimulus.

WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

The Philosophy course enables pupils to write as philosophers. It is intended for pupils who are complete beginners in Philosophy and there are no prior requirements. It is an exciting course that gives pupils the opportunity to develop their analytical and critical skills. It gives them essential tools to make strong arguments and critically examine their opponents' views. The course develops a range of argument skills and conceptual understanding.

WHERE COULD THIS SUBJECT TAKE ME IN THE FUTURE?

Philosophy students are prized in the business environment for their creative and flexible problem-solving skills. Philosophy students end up everywhere, in law firms, as CEOs and in the creative industries. This question should really say, where am I prohibited from going with a Philosophy degree?