



Preparing for IB Philosophy Year 2

I hope you are enjoying a well-deserved break after a demanding first year. Next year we will work on honing all the skills you learned in Year 1. Don't forget that your IA rough drafts are due September 18th and that you will have very little time in class to work on it.

To help you prepare over the summer, I'd like to share some practical suggestions that will make your transition into Year 2 smoother and more rewarding.

- **Reading:**

- Go back through your old notes. Continually reviewing what we studied will help you better prepare for your finals.
- Michael Sandel – Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do?
 - This is a great text that explores applied ethics

- **Podcasts:**

- *Philosophize This!*: Designed for beginners, this podcast offers episodes on a wide range of philosophical subjects, many of which we studied in Year 1.
- *The Partially Examined Life*: A philosophy podcast that aims to make philosophical ideas accessible, engaging, and conversational rather than overly academic.

- **Practice Thinking, Not Just Reading:**

- Philosophy is not passive. As you encounter ideas, ask yourself:
 - *Do I agree with this? Why or why not?*
 - *What assumptions are being made?*
 - *What might a critic say?*

You might find it helpful to keep a small notebook or digital journal where you jot down questions, reflections, or debates you encounter in everyday life.

Don't forget to have a relaxing and recharging summer!

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