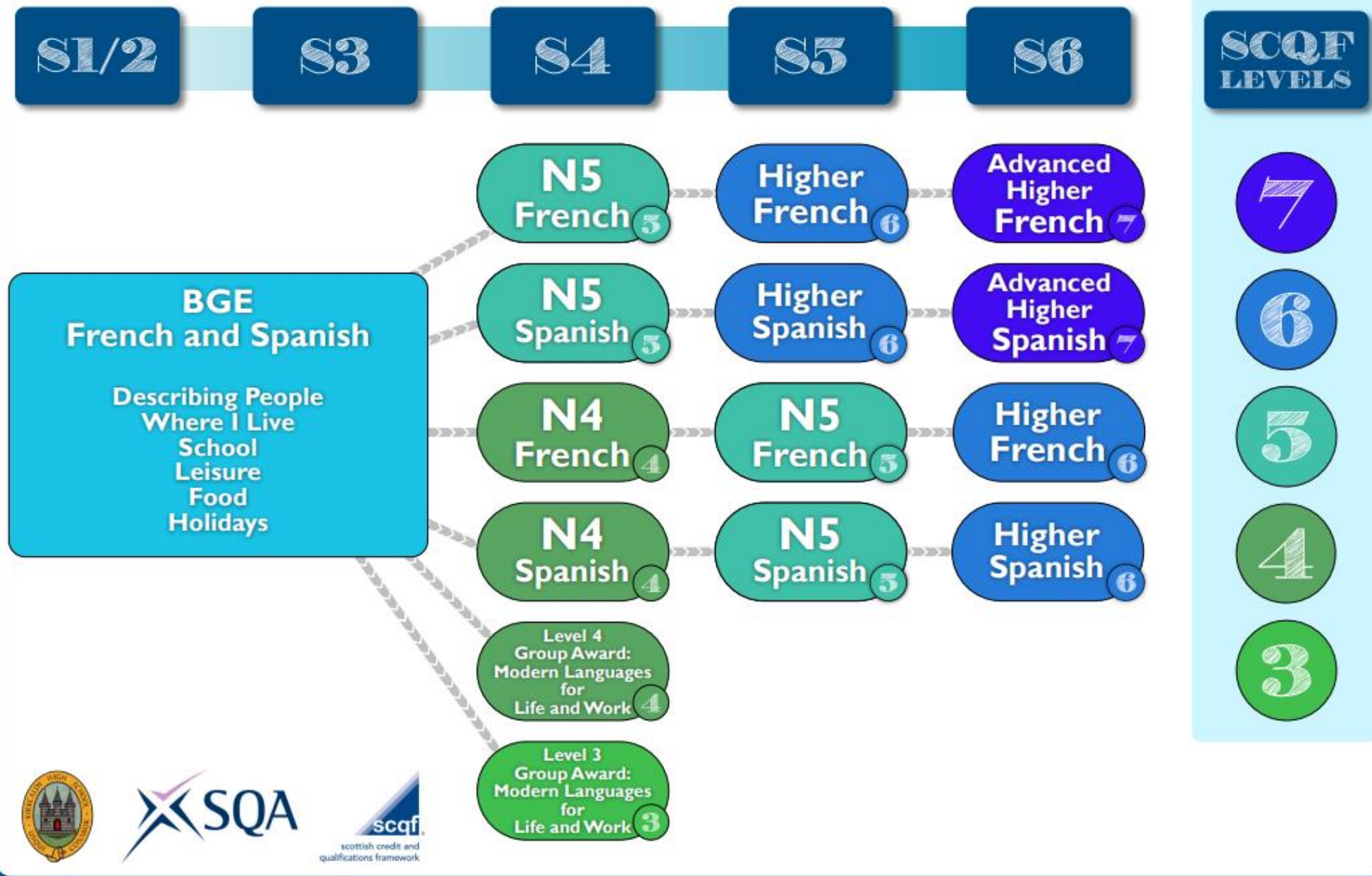


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S2 Subject Choices

Humanities

Languages



Modern Languages For Life and Work Award (level 4 and 5)



Entry Requirements - Preferred Skills and Knowledge

It would be useful to have an interest in learning a new language and have enjoyed this in S1-S2 French and Spanish.

You will develop skills in Reading, Writing, Listening and Talking.

Course Content

Studying three units in 2 different languages over S3 and S4.

- Modern Languages for Life
- Modern Languages for Work Purposes
- Building Employability Skills

Modern Languages For Life and Work Award (level 4 and 5)



Course Assessments

You will complete unit assessment in Reading, Writing, Listening and Talking in both languages with the opportunity to pass level 4 and or level 5, depending on your ability, over 2 years.

Learning Activities & Homework

You will learn how to use the internet to search for jobs, to make a CV, and learn about the different types of questions used in interview.

You will use a language learning site to further develop your language skills.

In groups you will learn how to apply for jobs, prepare for interview and take turns at interviewing each other as practice.

You will learn how to use a new language (Talking & Writing) and understand a new language (Reading & Listening)

Modern Languages For Life and Work Award (level 4 and 5)



Wider Skills Development

The qualification covers areas such as communication, self-awareness, confidence, leadership and independent learning, as well as developing your skills in employability. Particularly writing a CV, completing an application form and how to prepare for interview questions.

Progression & Career Opportunities

This qualification will improve your chances of employment opportunities, for example; Languages and Business, Languages and Law, Languages and Accountancy and Languages and STEM subjects.

However, this also benefits you as an individual, you will develop more generic skills, through doing this qualification.

You will be proven to be more confident, leadership, communication and a wider range of skills and abilities.

National 5 French



Entry Requirements - Preferred Skills and Knowledge

It would be useful to have an interest in learning a new language and have enjoyed this in S1-S2 French and Spanish.

You will develop skills in Reading, Writing, Listening and Talking.

Course Content

Studying four units over the year in the following areas

- Society – family, friends, relationships, health, leisure, technology, your home as a tourist area, the environment
- Culture – holidays, literature, film
- Employability – different jobs, work experience, future plans
- Learning – School, different school systems, preparing for exams, improving education systems

National 5 French



Course Assessments

Pass 1 Unit assessment in all 4 areas (Reading, Writing, Listening and Talking)

Added Value Unit

Assignment - Writing

Assignment - Talking

Final Exam – Reading, Writing and Listening

Learning Activities & Homework

The course offers candidates opportunities to develop and extend a wide range of skills. In particular, the course aims to enable candidates to develop the ability to: read, listen, talk and write in a modern language and apply knowledge and understanding of a modern language. The course contributes towards the development of literacy skills by providing candidates with opportunities to read, listen, talk and write in a modern language, and to reflect on how this relates to their use of English and other languages.

You will have to learn how to write in French to successfully complete the Writing Assignment and learn vocabulary to be able to pass the Talking Assignment. This will require learning and revising work at home throughout the year.

You will use language learning sites to help develop your vocabulary and will have to learn phrases on each topic in order to succeed.

National 5 French



Wider Skills Development

Learning a new language enables candidates to make connections with different people and their cultures and to play a fuller part as global citizens. The ability to use language effectively lies at the centre of thinking and learning. Candidates reflect, communicate and develop ideas through language. The course provides candidates with the opportunity to develop skills in reading, listening, talking and writing, which are essential for learning, for work and for life; to use different media effectively for learning and communication; to develop understanding of how language works; and to use language to communicate ideas and information.

Progression & Career Opportunities

Progression to Higher French, or another language either in School, Further Education or University. Communications skills are vital in many jobs, however language qualifications are important for careers in Engineering, and with STEM subjects, as a teacher, translator, interpreter, journalist, in any form of travel, working abroad in any field, global sales and marketing, international aid worker, or as an author.

National 5 Spanish



Entry Requirements - Preferred Skills and Knowledge

It would be useful to have an interest in learning a new language and have enjoyed this in S1-S2 French and Spanish.

You will develop skills in Reading, Writing, Listening and Talking.

Course Content

Studying four units over the year in the following areas

- Society – family, friends, relationships, health, leisure, technology, your home as a tourist area, the environment
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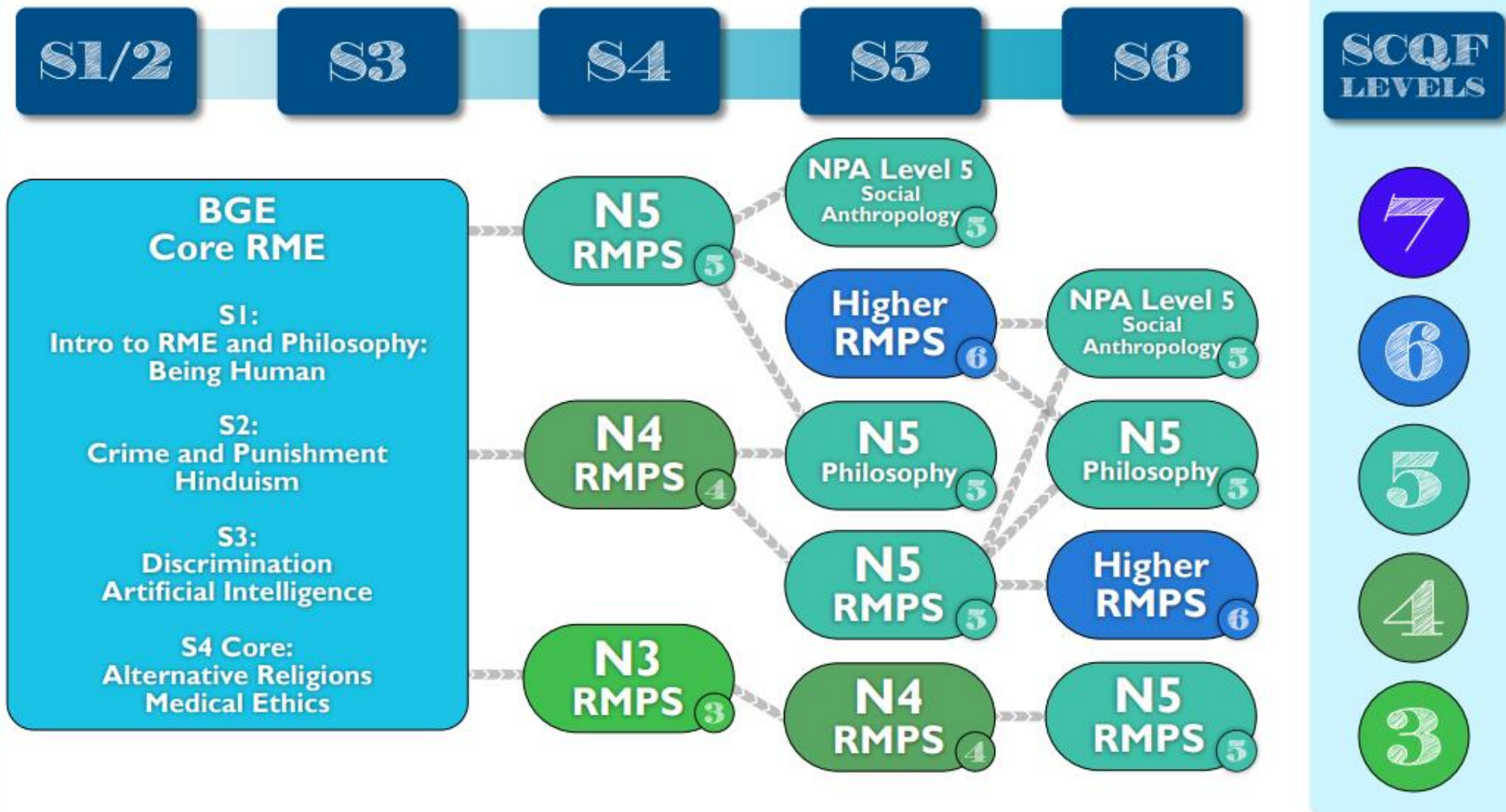
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Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies



Religious Moral Philosophical Studies (RMPS) Level 4



Entry Requirements – Qualifications, Skills and Knowledge

Completed or working towards National 4 Qualification in English or another Social Subject.

Course Content

World Religion – Buddhism

Moral Issue – Religion and Justice

Philosophical Question – Origins of Life and Universe.

Religious Moral Philosophical Studies (RMPS) Level 4



Course Assessments

3 x Unit assessments completed in class

1 x Added Value Unit

Learning Activities & Homework

Discussion, Debates, Written Work, Group Work, Research Tasks

Homework will be based on classwork.

Religious Moral Philosophical Studies (RMPS)

Level 4



Wider Skills Development

- **Empathy and Understanding:** Appreciate diverse perspectives and navigate intercultural interactions effectively.
- **Critical Thinking and Analysis:** Analyze information, identify patterns, and draw informed conclusions.
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- **Intellectual Curiosity and Open-mindedness:** Embrace lifelong learning and adapt to new ideas and experiences.
- **Communication and Persuasion:** Express ideas clearly, respectfully, and persuasively in various settings.
- **Research and Information Literacy:** Locate, evaluate, and synthesize information from diverse sources.
- **Problem-Solving and Independent Judgment:** Analyze complex issues, evaluate different perspectives, and form well-reasoned conclusions.

Progression & Career Opportunities

Progression to Higher RMPS, National 5 Philosophy or Level 5 Social Anthropology in KHS

Careers

- **Education:** Develops critical thinking and communication skills for teaching.
- **Social Work:** Prepares for roles in counselling and advocating for social justice.
- **Counselling/Mental Health:** Fosters empathy and understanding of human behavior for therapists and counselors.
- **Journalism/Media:** Enhances critical thinking and cultural understanding for roles in journalism and media analysis.
- **Diplomacy/International Relations:** Prepares for careers in diplomacy and navigating international issues.
- **Law:** Provides a foundation in legal principles and ethics, suitable for law degrees.
- **Creative Fields:** Inspires creativity and exploration of human emotions for careers in writing and arts.
- **Business Leadership:** Develops ethical leadership and decision-making skills for business careers.

Religious Moral Philosophical Studies (RMPS) Level 5



Entry Requirements – Qualifications, Skills and Knowledge

Completed or working towards National 5 Qualification in English or another Social Subject.

Course Content

World Religion – Buddhism

Moral Issue – Religion and Justice

Philosophical Question – Origins of Life and Universe.

Religious Moral Philosophical Studies (RMPS) Level 5



Course Assessments

- 1 x Exam - 80marks (80% of final grade)
- 1 x Assignment - 20 Marks (20% of final grade)
- 3 x Unit assessments completed in class

Learning Activities & Homework

Discussion, Debates, Written Work, Group Work, Research Tasks
Homework will be past paper questions.

Religious Moral Philosophical Studies (RMPS) Level 5



Wider Skills Development

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Classical Studies

S1/2

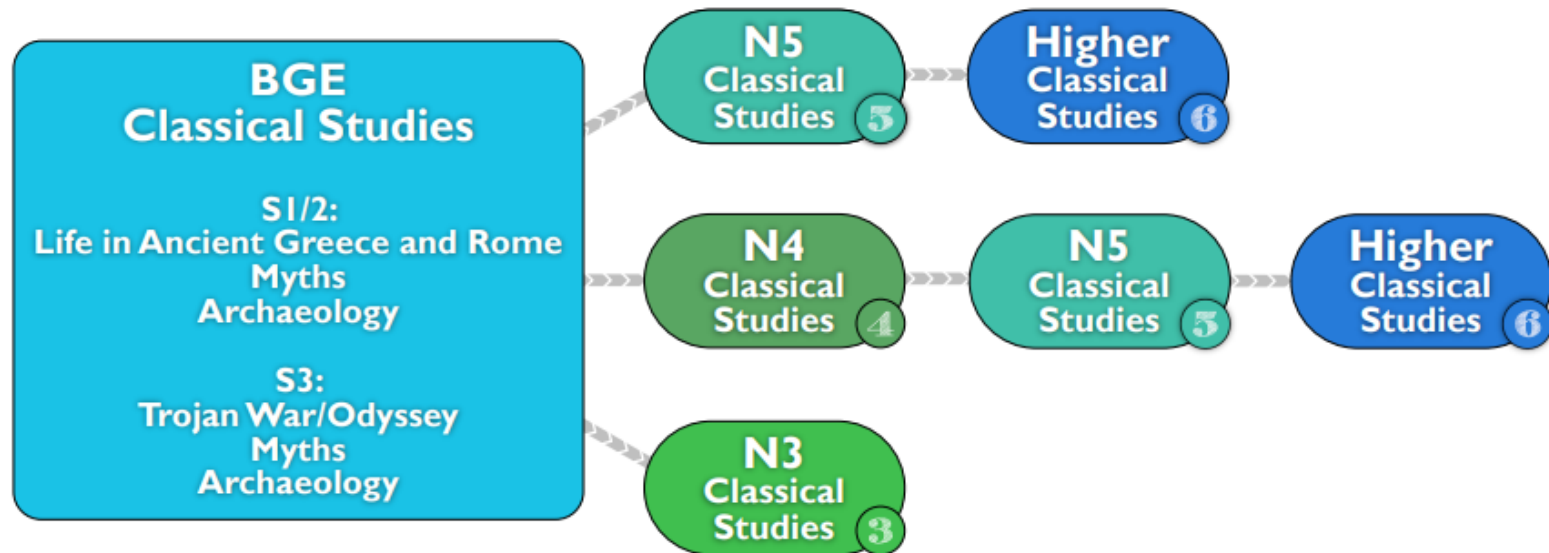
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Classical Studies - National 3, 4 and 5



Entry Requirements - Preferred Skills and Knowledge

It would be beneficial to have an interest in ancient history and to enjoy comparing societies in the past with modern life today. This course is literacy based, including studying classical literature, and so good literacy skills would also help. Some parts of the course will require you to research independently, so it is important that you are willing to work independently as well as working with others.

Course Content

- The Trojan War and The Odyssey, by *Homer*
- Social Themes in Literature, using Medea, by *Euripides*
- Research projects
- Life in ancient Athens
- Life in ancient Pompeii
- Archaeology

Classical Studies - National 3, 4 and 5



Course Assessments

- 3 x Unit Assessments throughout S3 and S4 (Greece, Literature, Pompeii)
- Added Value Assessment at National 4 in S3 , and at National 5 in S4
- 2 hour prelim exam in November 2026
- 2 hour final exam in May 2027

Learning Activities & Homework

Classics involves a range of learning activities to enable you to learn the knowledge and skills needed to pass the exam, and also to have fun, be creative and learn in a range of ways including: Comprehension tasks; note taking; source analysis; game learning; model making; 'be the teacher'; peer learning; independent research and literature analysis.

Homework – weekly consolidation is recommended

Classical Studies - National 3, 4 and 5



Wider Skills Development

Researching

Analysis

Evaluation

Communication

Literacy

Progression & Career Opportunities

- National 5 and Higher Classical Studies are offered at Kirkcaldy High School
 - Classical Studies can be studied at degree level at universities
 - It is a well-respected subject by universities and colleges for applicants also applying for law, or arts and humanities subject areas
- Career areas include: law, media, administration, library work and marketing.