

S4 Subject Choices

Social Subjects



Geography – Levels 5 & 6



Entry Requirements - Preferred Skills and Knowledge

To study this subject you should have an interest in exploring the interactions between humans and the natural world.

You also need to be studying National 5 English

Course Content

You will develop the knowledge & skills to contribute to local communities and wider society. You will investigate how the natural landscape is formed & gain a firm understanding of human interaction & development. You will investigate how fragile the Earth can become and look at ways of protecting it in the future.

You will also develop collection and analysis of data and problem solving skills.

Geography – Levels 5 & 6



Course Assessments

- ☐ Mixed assessments covering all 3 units:
 - ☐ **The Working World** – Spheres of the Earth
 - ☐ **The Human Factor**– Are we growing beyond our means?, Glasgow Vs Rio
 - ☐ **Geopolitics: The Next Gen** – Conflict, Climate, Health
- ☐ Assignment

Learning Activities & Homework

- ☐ Decision Making Exercises – Debates
- ☐ Completing course work booklets
- ☐ Online Consolidating Activities
- ☐ Timed Questions

Geography – Levels 5 & 6



Wider Skills Development

- ☐ Working with others
- ☐ Data analysis
- ☐ Critical Thinking
- ☐ Research Skills
- ☐ Reaching conclusions

Progression & Career Opportunities

- Further education: HNC/D: Land and Management, Travel & Tourism, Social Science.
- Degree Level: Geography, Geology, Rural Affairs, Urban Planning, Sustainability, Environmental Science.
- Career Opportunities: Cartography, Landscape Management, Emergency Management, Environmental Consultancy and Leisure and Tourism Industries.

Travel & Tourism– Levels 4 & 5



Entry Requirements - Preferred Skills and Knowledge

To study this subject you should be interested in developing your skills for work as well as having a genuine interest in the Travel & Tourism industry.

Course Content

In Travel & Tourism you will develop skills to become effective job seekers and employees.

You will develop skills to deal with customer service in terms of Travel & Tourism and develop product knowledge to be able to deal with customer enquiries.

Travel & Tourism– Levels 5 & 6



Course Assessments

- ☐ Mixed assessments covering all 4 units in a portfolio:
 - ☐ Scottish Tourism
 - ☐ UK and wider World
 - ☐ Customer Service
 - ☐ Employability

Learning Activities & Homework

- ☐ Decision Making Exercises – Debates
- ☐ Completing course work booklets
- ☐ Practical Experiments
- ☐ Online Consolidating Activities
- ☐ Role Play

Travel & Tourism – Levels 5 & 6



Wider Skills Development

- ☐ Working with others
- ☐ Data analysis
- ☐ Critical Thinking
- ☐ Research Skills
- ☐ Reaching conclusions

Progression & Career Opportunities

- Further education: HNC
- Career Opportunities: Travel Agent, Holiday Rep, Air Cabin Crew, Tourism Office

History – Levels 5 & 6



Entry Requirements - Preferred Skills and Knowledge

To study this subject you should have an interest in the past events that have shaped the future.

You also need to be studying National 4/5 English and have the ability to analyse causes and effects of historical events.

Course Content

You will develop a coherent and balanced understanding of Scottish, British, European and world history and understand change and how the society we live in came to be.

You will develop your understanding of different values, beliefs and cultures whilst gaining a range of skills that will establish firm foundations for lifelong learning.

History – Levels 5 & 6



Course Assessments

- ☐ Mixed assessments covering all 3 units:
 - ☐ Scottish – Migration and Empire
 - ☐ British – Britain 1851-1951
 - ☐ World– USA 1918-1968
- ☐ Assignment

Learning Activities & Homework

- ☐ Decision Making Exercises – Debates
- ☐ Completing course work booklets
- ☐ Online Consolidating Activities
- ☐ Timed Questions

History – Levels 5 & 6



Wider Skills Development

- ☐ Working with others
- ☐ Data analysis
- ☐ Critical Thinking
- ☐ Research Skills
- ☐ Reaching conclusions

Progression & Career Opportunities

- Further education: HNC/D: Social Sciences.
- Degree Level: History or Sociology
- Career Opportunities: Teaching, Historian, Writer, Researcher, Civil Service, Administrator, Solicitor, Archivist.

Modern Studies – Levels 5 & 6



Entry Requirements - Preferred Skills and Knowledge

To study this subject you should have a keen interest in world events and be keen to investigate and explore different world issues.

You also need to be studying National 5 English.

Course Content

You will learn about key issues in the UK and across the world in the world of Sociology, international issues and social issues. You will research a debate topic of your choice and study the areas of: Crime in the UK and Scotland, Sociology in the UK and Worldwide Terrorism.

Modern Studies – Levels 5 & 6



Course Assessments

- ☐ Mixed assessments covering all 3 units:
 - ☐ Social Issues
 - ☐ Democracy
 - ☐ America
- ☐ Assignment

Learning Activities & Homework

- ☐ Decision Making Exercises – Debates
- ☐ Completing course work booklets
- ☐ Online Consolidating Activities
- ☐ Timed Questions

Modern Studies – Levels 5 & 6



Wider Skills Development

- ☐ Working with others
- ☐ Data analysis
- ☐ Critical Thinking
- ☐ Research Skills
- ☐ Reaching conclusions

Progression & Career Opportunities

- Further education: HNC/D: Social Sciences.
- Degree Level: History, Sociology OR Sociology
- Career Opportunities: Teaching, Journalist, Politician, Writer, Researcher, Civil Service Administrator, Solicitor, Archivist.

Politics– Level 6



Entry Requirements - Preferred Skills and Knowledge

To study this subject you should have an interest in the current events that will affect the future. You should have the ability to critically analyse causes and effects of current events.

You should have achieved or be studying Higher English & Modern Studies.

Course Content

In Politics you will develop an understanding of political theory, political stems and factors affecting the electoral performance of political parties. You will develop a critical awareness of the nature of Politics as well as developing research, data handling and evaluating skills. You will interpret and evaluate a wide range of electoral data to form a conclusion.

Politics– Level 6



Course Assessments

- ☐ Mixed assessments covering all 3 units:
 - ☐ Political Theory
 - ☐ Political Parties
 - ☐ Political Systems
- ☐ Assignment

Learning Activities & Homework

- ☐ Decision Making Exercises – Debates
- ☐ Completing course work booklets
- ☐ Online Consolidating Activities
- ☐ Timed Questions

Politics– Level 6



Wider Skills Development

- ☐ Working with others
- ☐ Data analysis
- ☐ Critical Thinking
- ☐ Research Skills
- ☐ Reaching conclusions

Progression & Career Opportunities

- Further education:
 - HNC/D Social Sciences
 - Degree: History, Sociology, Sociology
- Career Opportunities: Teaching, Journalist, Politician, Writer, Researcher, etc..

Sociology– Levels 5 & 6



Entry Requirements - Preferred Skills and Knowledge

To study this subject you should have an interest in human social behaviour and in how society shapes choices e.g. crime, social class and culture. You should have the ability to critically analyse cause and effect and you should have achieved or be studying Higher English & Modern Studies

Course Content

In Sociology you will look at: developing an understanding of society through sociological perspectives, theories and concepts. Challenge common-sense explanations about human social behaviour and develop an understanding of cultural and social diversity, including the significance of relationships.

Sociology– Levels 5 & 6



Course Assessments

- ☐ Mixed assessments covering all 3 units:
 - ☐ Human Society
 - ☐ Culture and Identity
 - ☐ Social Issues
- ☐ Assignment

Learning Activities & Homework

- ☐ Decision Making Exercises – Debates
- ☐ Completing course work booklets
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