**S2 Modern Studies BGE Plan**

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| **What will we learn?** | **What skills will we develop?** | **How will we be assessed?** | **What homework will we have?** | **What experiences/extracurricular clubs will be offered?** |
| **Aug – Dec**  **‘Hot Topics’** approach focused on developing understanding of current issues/events. Common topics include:   * Race inequality in the UK * Gender inequality in the UK * Crime and the Police in the UK * Surveillance * Scottish Independence * Northern Ireland   **January – June**  **Unit 1: Democracy:**   * Features of democracies and dictatorships * Human Rights – UNCR and UNCRC * Political Representatives – who are they and what do they do? * Political Parties – purpose and function * Voting in Elections * Election campaigns – campaign methods and the role of the media   **Unit 2: Conflict in the 21st Century:**   * Defining the ‘West’ * Origins of Conflict – what was the ‘Cold War’ and what impact did it have? * The Russia-Ukraine Conflict – causes and impact (locally and nationally) | Literacy:  Writing developed answers  Using evidence to justify responses  Evaluating our sources of evidence  Writing detailed reports  Numeracy:  Analysing statistics and graphs  Using statistics to justify an argument  DYW  Understanding the jobs involved in politics and criminal justice  LfS  Human rights  Interdependence | * End of unit assessments for all 3 units * Extended writing report – Northern Ireland * Mock Election campaign | Monthly ‘News flash’ homework tasks, focused on broadening and deepening understanding of current affairs and the use of sources of information | * Pupil Parliament * Rights Respecting School committee * Speaker visits |