

History

COURSE CONTENT –What will I learn?

Elective History is **open to all students**. The Elective course will focus on modern Scottish, British and European and World history. You will build on the knowledge and skills that you developed in S1.



In S2 and S3 you will study:

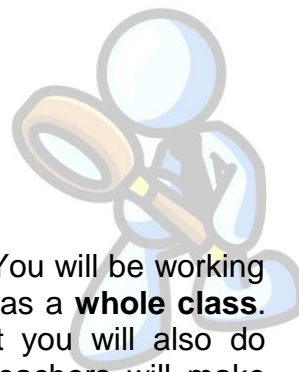
- The Border Reivers
- The Jacobites, 1688 - 1746
- The Transatlantic Slave Trade
- The USA from Washington to Lincoln
- Votes for Women in Britain
- The First and Second World Wars



We believe that the events and themes covered in the study of these topics are interesting in themselves and fundamental to understanding the world we live in today. The course will provide you with the answers to these questions and more:

Where did the 'Beef Tubs' get their name from?
Why is the weed Staggerwort called 'Stinking Willie' in Scotland?
Why did President Obama's journey to the White House really begin in 1865?
Why are Native Americans called 'Indians'?
How did Emily Davison die at the 1913 Derby?
Why is the poppy the symbol of remembrance in Britain?
What are the Americans celebrating on the 4th of July?

In S4, there will also be an opportunity for interested students to participate in the **annual First World War Battlefields Trip** to France and Belgium.



TEACHING METHODS – What will I do?

In the History department we use a variety of teaching methods. You will be working as an **individual** a lot of the time, but often in **pairs, groups** or as a **whole class**. You will certainly be doing a lot of **reading and writing**, but you will also do **presentations, posters, debates and investigations**. Your teachers will make your learning as **active and fun** as possible. History is fascinating, eye-opening, jaw-dropping and something that we hope you will love for the rest of your life. History also teaches you many **skills** that you will use at university, college and in life in general, such as **critical thinking, evaluating, essay writing, debating and arguing**.

ASSESSMENT AND HOMEWORK

ASSESSMENT

Assessment in History will focus on your knowledge and understanding, thinking skills and research, evaluation and presentation skills. There will be regular end-of-topic tests but assessment is no longer just about tests. There will be opportunities to show what you have learned in other ways too – for example by completing investigations, projects or even by making your own movie!

HOMEWORK



Regular homework will be set, increasing as the course progresses. The History Department has an excellent Wikispace, with resources for homework and study which you can easily access from home.

COSTS

There are no costs for History.

For students who secure a place on the Battlefields trip, the cost will be approximately £500.