

# History Higher



**AWARD RECEIVED -**  
Higher - History

## **ENTRY LEVEL – What do I need to do it?**

You will normally be expected to have attained a pass at N5 History, or another social subject, preferably at grade A or B. Exceptional circumstances will be considered on their merits.

## **COURSE CONTENT –What will I learn?**

There are three units (topics) for Higher:

### **Unit I – Scottish Scotland and the Impact of the Great War**



Why was Clydeside  
'Red' during the  
First World War?

In this unit you will learn the reasons why the First World War was such a significant turning point in Scottish history. The unit will focus on four main areas – on the Scots who fought on the Western Front, the impact of the war on Scottish society and culture, the impact of the war on the Scottish economy and industry and the impact of the war on Scottish politics.

The Suffragettes – a help or  
a hindrance to the cause of  
votes for women?

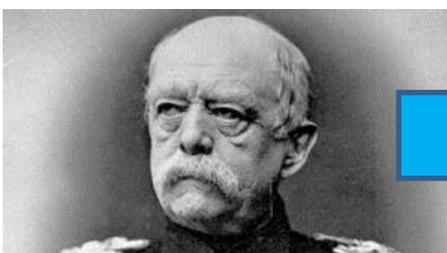


### **Unit II – British Britain, 1851 - 1951**

In this unit you will study the development of the British political system and welfare state. The four sections of the unit focus on the growth of democracy in Britain, the campaign for women's suffrage, the Liberal social reforms of 1906 – 1914 and the Labour reforms of 1945- 51.

### **Unit III – European and World Germany, 1815 - 1939**

This unit focuses on two main areas – the development of nationalism from 1815 and unification of Germany by 1871 and the rise to power and consolidation of power by the Nazis by 1939.



From Bismarck to Hitler



## TEACHING METHODS – What will I do?

In the History department, we use a variety of teaching methods. You will be working as an independent individual much of the time, but often, also, in pairs, groups or as a whole class. There is a great deal of reading and writing to be done for Higher History. Your teacher will have high expectations of your levels of personal effort. Much of the course focuses on the development of essay-writing skills. While factual knowledge is obviously important, History also teaches you many skills that you will use at college and university or employment as well as in life in general, such as critical thinking, evaluating, essay writing, debating and arguing.

## ASSESSMENT

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<b>Unit Assessments</b>	There are three unit assessments to complete: one for the Scottish unit, one for the British unit and one for the German unit. These will be marked by your teacher. You must meet the appropriate level of competence in these unit assessments to continue with the course.
<b>Assignment</b>	This is an essay, written under exam conditions with a prepared plan, and marked by the SQA. It is worth 1/3 of the final mark for Higher History.
<b>Exam</b>	The examination for Higher History is one paper, worth 60 marks. There are three sections, one on each unit and each worth 20 marks.



## HOMEWORK

You will be given regular homework for Higher History – about **1- 2 hours a week**. Higher students are expected to take responsibility for their own learning, organisation and homework and to do significant amounts of extra reading and preparation for assessments. The History Department has an excellent **Wikispace**, with resources to support homework and study, which you can easily access from home.

## PROGRESSION IN THE SENIOR PHASE

A pass in Higher History would lead to Advanced Higher History in S6.

## COSTS

**£5 for photocopied course materials OR materials provided digitally for free.**