

Social Subjects

National 3 and National 4



COURSE OVERVIEW:

If you choose National 3 and 4 Social Subjects, you will study the 3 subjects of Geography, History and Modern Studies. The subjects will be taught independently of each other and your class will attend lessons each week within the different departments and be taught by separate subject teachers. The aim, by the end of the course, is that you will have achieved 3 qualifications, either at National 3 or 4 level, one in each subject area.

ENTRY LEVEL – What do I need to do it?

- You **do not need to have done Social Subjects Electives** to do National 3 or 4 Social Subjects.
- **Anyone** can choose National 3 or 4 at the end of S3.
- Your S3 teacher will tell you what your recommended level of study would be at the end of S3.
- The topics are the same for National 3 and 4, so everyone will do the same course and a decision about your final level will be made towards the end of S4.

TEACHING METHODS – What will I do?

In the Social Subjects department we use a variety of teaching methods. You will be working as an **individual** much of the time, but often, also, in **pairs, groups** or as a **whole class**. You will look at **pictures, maps, graphs and photographs**, **watch short clips** and have lots of **discussion** to help aid understanding. You will be given opportunities to create **presentations and posters**, to use **ICT** and take part in **research and investigations**. You will, of course, be doing some **reading and writing**, but your teachers will aim to make your learning as **active and fun** as possible.



ASSESSMENT

	National 3	National 4
Unit Assessments	You will have to pass an assessment for each of the three units. This assessment could be anything from a poster, to a talk to a test. This will be marked by your teacher .	
Added Value (This is SQA jargon for a piece of coursework.)	There is no Added Value unit for National 3 Social Subjects .	The Added Value for National 4 is an project on a topic of your choice from the ones that have been studied in the course. This will be marked by your teacher .
Exam	There is no end of course exam for National 3 Social Subjects . If you pass all three unit assessments, you will be awarded a National 3.	There is no end of course exam for National 4 Social Subjects . If you pass all three unit assessments and your Added Value project, you will be awarded a National 4.

PROGRESSION IN THE SENIOR PHASE

A National 3 pass could lead to National 4 in S5.
A National 4 pass could lead to National 5 in S5.

Geography

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- National 3 Geography is an SVQF Level 3 course.
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COURSE CONTENT –What will I learn?

There are three units (topics) for National 3 and 4:

Unit 1 – Physical Geography:



Rivers – how rivers are formed, problems and management.

Mapwork – how to read an Ordnance Survey map (e.g. symbols, cross-sections).

Weather – why Britain experiences such varied weather; weather circles.

Unit 2 - Human Geography:



Population – why more people live in some parts of the world than others.

Urban – shanty towns in developing countries, housing in the developing world.

Rural – changes in farming in the UK; comparing farming in the UK and India.

Unit 3 - Global Geography

Topic:



Health – cholera: where it occurs, why you get it, how you feel when you have it and how to prevent and treat it.

In all units, we cover key skills that are useful for Geography but also important for later life, like reading different kinds of maps, understanding diagrams and graphs, writing reports etc.



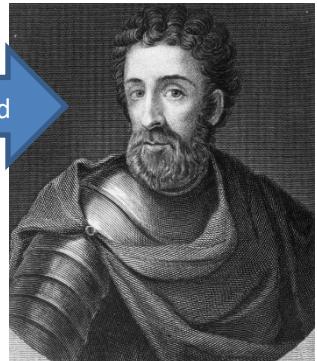
History

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A great Scottish legend



COURSE CONTENT –What will I learn?

There are three units (topics) for National 3 and 4 History:

Unit I – Scottish

The Life and Death of William Wallace

In this topic you will learn about the historical figure of William Wallace. You will look closely at how he became a famous symbol of Scottish resistance fighting against the English, focusing specifically on the great battles of Stirling Bridge and Falkirk. Finally you will learn about his heroic but gruesome death, and the reasons why he is so well remembered in Scotland today.

Unit II – British

City Life 1800-1900

This topic is all about the terrible housing conditions that existed in the British cities during the 1800s. Throughout the unit you will learn about the reasons for the fast population growth and how the large cramped cities affected the health of the people living there. You will then focus on the many changes and improvements made which meant that life got so much better for these people.

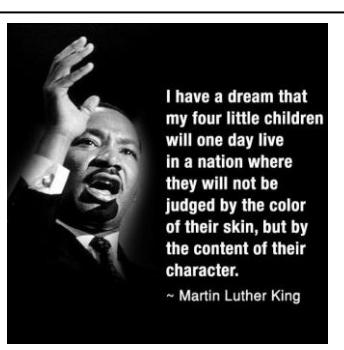
Cramped, dirty,
and diseased.



Would you like
to live here?

Unit III – European and World

Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement



You will learn about key people such as Martin Luther King Jr and Rosa Parks, as well as the various campaigns to improve civil rights in the USA. Did you know what the Ku Klux Klan was and what it did? Have you heard of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the sit-ins or freedom rides? Have you ever listened to Martin Luther King's iconic 'I have a dream' speech? Learn all this and more in this topic which will shock and inspire you.

Modern Studies

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COURSE CONTENT: What will I learn?

There are **three units** for National 3 and 4:

Unit I – Crime and Law

This unit covers a broad range of issues relating to crime. Firstly, you will have to think about what a crime is in society. Then you will analyse what the main causes of crime are. Finally, how Scotland manages criminal offences and offenders will be discussed.



Unit II – China



Over the last 30 years China has experienced enormous social and economic change; this development will form the core of your studies. Following an introduction to China you will analyse some of the major social issues that are currently affecting the country, for example education and pollution.

Unit III – Democracy in Scotland

The final unit will introduce you to political life in Scotland. The types of representatives and how they work for their constituents will be studied. You will then look at Scotland's main political parties and politicians. Finally, you will learn about pressure groups.

