**S3 History**

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

The aim of History is to provide students with an awareness of the past and how that has affected the world we live in today. The course covers three main topics centered around the themes of conflict, rights, discrimination and protest. It is our hope that by studying these issues you will come to embrace the values of **wisdom**, **compassion**, **justice** and **integrity**, as well as essential skills such as **critical thinking, presenting information, evaluating, essay-writing, debating and literacy**.

The skills that you will learn through this course will be useful to you at college, university or in work, but will also enable you to become a **responsible** **citizen** and an **effective** **contributor** in our modern world.

During the S3 course you will be studying a total of three units:

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| **The First World War** – The First World War was arguably one of the biggest turning points in the history of Scotland, Britain, Europe and the world.  We are in the middle of the centenary of the First World War.  In this topic, we will learn about the origins of the conflict, how it was fought on the Western Front, the Home Front and the end of the war and the peace treaty. We will also look at the impact of WWI on Scotland. | Wwi clipart 20 free Cliparts | Download images on Clipground 2024 |

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| Holocaust Memorial Illustrations, Royalty-Free Vector Graphics & Clip ... | **The Holocaust** – Learning about The Holocaust is difficult, but necessary.  This is a topic that we leave until S3, because of the level of maturity that is needed to fully engage with this dark period of recent European history.  We will learn about the reasons for, events of and aftermath of the Holocaust. |

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| **Free at Last? Civil Rights in the USA** – This topic is part of the National 5 course. You will learn about key individuals such as Martin Luther King Jr, Rosa Parks and Malcolm X but also about the various campaigns to improve civil rights in the USA. Do you know what the Jim Crow laws were?  Do you know what the Ku Klux Klan was and what it did?  Have you heard of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the sit-ins or the Black Power protest at the 1968 Olympic Games?  Learn all this and more in this topic which will shock and inspire you.  | Civil Rights Vector Art, Icons, and Graphics for Free Download |

**TEACHING METHODS – How will I learn?**

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| In the History department we use a variety of teaching methods. You will be working as an individual much of the time, but often in pairs, groups or as a whole class. You will be asked to complete a wide range of tasks, including written tasks, presentations, posters, role-plays, debates and online research. Your teachers will make your learning as active and fun as possible. iPads will also be used and integrated into our learning as much as possible.  | Children in history class Royalty Free Vector Image |

**ASSESSMENT AND HOMEWORK**

Assessment in History will focus on your knowledge and understanding, as well as thinking skills and research, evaluation and presentation skills. There will be some tests at the end of topics but will be opportunities to show what you have learned in other ways too – for example by doing research and projects.

Students are encouraged to develop their interest in the past and find out more about the topics we study. This can be done by reading books, listening to podcasts or watching documentaries or videos online. We can highly recommend Horrible Histories (Books, TV and songs) and the BBC podcast ‘You’re Dead to Me’.

**PATHWAYS AFTER S3 HISTORY**

Students can continue to study History by taking N4/5 History or N3/N4 Social Subjects. In S5/6 students can study History at Higher and Advanced Higher.