

HISTORY: HIGHER

Why History?

The aim of this course is to provide breadth and depth in your knowledge and understanding of historical themes through the study of a range of historical periods. It is also intended to enable you to develop skills in explaining historical developments and events, evaluating sources and drawing conclusions.

Entry to the Course

You would normally be expected to have gained at least an A-C pass in National 5 History or an A-B pass at National 5 in another Social Subject. If you have not sat any Social Subjects previously, we would expect at least a B in National 5 English.

Course Outline

The periods studied are Early and Later Modern History and the Units are:

- Historical Study: Scottish History - The Treaty of Union, 1690-1740 – This section of the course looks at the worsening relations with England at the end of the 17th century, the arguments for and against the passing of the Treaty of Union, the reasons for the passing of the Treaty of Union and the effects of the Treaty of Union on Scotland between 1707-1740.
- Historical Study: British History - Britain, 1851-1951 – In this section we look at the growth of democracy in Britain, including the fight for Votes for Women, and the growth of the British welfare state.
- Historical Study: European and World - Appeasement and the Road to War – This section of the course looks at the causes of and background to the Second World War, including the reasons for Fascist aggression, the reasons for the policy of appeasement of Italy and Germany, the successes and failures of British foreign policy, the tactics used by the Fascist powers and the reasons for the outbreak of war in 1939.

Assessment

There are unit assessments throughout the year and a final exam consisting of one paper which will test both essay writing and source handling skills. In addition there is also an assignment on a topic of the pupil's choice, written in school and marked externally. This forms part of the pupil's overall mark.

Further advice and information is available from Mr MacKay