

MODERN STUDIES: ADVANCED HIGHER

Advanced Higher Modern Studies allows pupils to develop their research and investigative skills within the context of Law and Order.

Modern Studies also contributes to your personal and social development. In particular, the course addresses the issue of rights and responsibilities, including those of citizens in a democratic society, and examines the moral and ethical responsibilities of individuals.

Entry to the course

Pupils are expected to have achieved a pass in Higher Modern Studies.

Course Outline

A. Understanding the criminal justice system

- ◆ Individual human rights and liberty in relation to criminal justice
- ◆ Judicial framework
- ◆ Current criminal justice issues

B. Understanding criminal behaviour

- ◆ The nature and extent of criminal behaviour
- ◆ Evaluation of theories of criminal behaviour
- ◆ The social and economic effects of criminal behaviour

C. Responses by society to crime

- ◆ Theories and explanations of responses to crime
- ◆ Current responses to crime
- ◆ Evaluation of responses to crime

D. Research Methods

- ◆ Research methodology and related moral and ethical issues

Assessment

As well as unit assessments, there is a final exam and a dissertation of 4000 – 5000 words on a related topic of the pupil's choice.

Further advice and information is available from Mr MacKay, Mrs Slavin or Mrs Reid.