

HISTORY: ADVANCED HIGHER

For those who already have an interest in History, the Advanced Higher course gives an opportunity to study a topic in-depth and with an emphasis on independent learning. The course is especially suited to those who are planning to go to university, studying virtually any subject, because of its academic rigour and teaching and learning techniques. The skills you will learn in Advanced Higher History will allow you to make the transition to higher education with confidence.

Entry to the course

- A Higher History pass is expected.

Course Outline

The course is based on the following topic:

Spain: The Civil War — Causes, Conflict and Consequences, 1923–1945

This is an endlessly fascinating and highly debated period of modern history, in which the themes of ideology, identity and international co-operation and conflict are explored. Whether your interests lie in social, economic, religious, political or military history, this is an absorbing topic, with a rich body of primary sources and historical interpretations to explore.

Historical Research

This allows you to carry out an in-depth study of an historical topic and write a dissertation on it. You are able to choose one particular area of the course that fascinates you and focus on it in great detail. The dissertation should be around 4000 words and have an introduction, development and conclusion. This work will enhance your research and presentation skills and encourage the more sophisticated skills of source analysis, sustained reasoning and independent study.

The dissertation is a chance to produce a piece of work that is original and something of which to be proud. For anyone considering going on to university, to study any subject, the skills you will develop writing your History dissertation will be invaluable and give you solid foundations for future academic success.

Assessment

The final award is decided by the dissertation and the final exam, in which two essays are written and source based questions answered.

Further advice and information is available from Mr MacKay.