

S3 History Course

The S3 History course is designed to give you a wide experience of different historical skills and periods of study. Each of the issues studied are linked to the topics that you will be studying if you continue with the subject into National qualifications in S4, giving you a flavour of each of the areas of study.

The course includes a unit on the Second World War, which explores the outbreak of war and its first two years. It also involves exploring the early part of the life and reign of Mary, Queen of Scots, a fascinating period of Scottish history, which



includes huge unrest and political intrigue, as well as the Scottish Reformation. For each of the topics, you also spend a little time looking at an overview of the remainder of the story, giving you a sense of what you would learn if you continued with the study of History in S4.

During the course, you will also spend some time working on an historical investigation, in which you are asked to choose a historical topic that interests you, set a question for yourself on this, research the topic and present your findings in whatever way you choose.

In the latter part of S3, you will move on from the S3 course to begin studying for your National History qualifications. Those who choose to continue with the subject will then finish the National History course in S4. In the National History course you will study in greater depth and finish the stories of both of the areas you have been introduced to in the S3 course; you will also learn about the social changes that occurred in Britain in the first half of the 20th century. This wide ranging course gives you an excellent variety of periods and types of history. It also equips you with a varied assortment of skills, including investigating and decision making.

For further advice or information, speak to Mr MacKay, Mr Sheerin or Mr Whiteford.