

Course Description

The purpose of this course is to provide breadth and depth in the knowledge and understanding of historical concepts through study of chosen contexts. It is also intended to develop skills of evaluating events and sources and of investigating issues.

Assessment

Students are required to study three contexts. One Scottish topic, one British topic and one European and World topic which will consist of a variety of knowledge and evaluating questions. Students will also have to complete an Added Value Unit: an assignment on one of the studied topics which will be externally assessed.

Home Study Expectations

Students are expected to devote several hours per week on home study. In addition to regularly going over notes at home tasks will include: answering questions from course notes to reinforce learning; essay/source questions; answering exam questions; background reading; revision for Unit assessments; the Prelim and the final exam; and research and planning for the added value assignment.

Possible next level of study

A National 5 pass at grades A-C would allow entry into Higher History.

Wider Achievement Opportunities

Students have many opportunities to explore and develop their skills in History through cooperative learning, class debate, independent research, self-assessment and being given opportunities to teach each other.

Possible career paths

History would be useful for many careers including: travel and tourism, museum work, legal industries, researcher, politics, civil service, library work and the diplomatic service.