

Curricular Area: Social Subjects

Course Title: Modern Studies Higher

Course Description

The purpose of this course is to develop knowledge and understanding of complex political, social and international issues and to promote an understanding of how we can impact and influence the world in which we live.

We will study three topics: Democracy in Scotland and the UK, Crime and the Law in the UK and Underdevelopment in Africa.

Assessment

Higher students are required to pass three Unit Assessments, which are internally assessed. Students will also sit an exam and Assignment (personal research project), which are both externally assessed.

Home Study Expectations

Students are expected to devote an increasing amount of time to home study in Senior School. Home study will be issued weekly or fortnightly depending on the demands of the task. Tasks will often include answering questions from course notes to reinforce learning; answering past paper questions; planning and/or writing essays; background reading; revision for Unit Assessments, the Prelim and the final exam; and research and planning for the Assignment.

Possible next level of study

A Higher pass at Grades A-C would allow entry into Advanced Higher Modern Studies, or a Higher in another one of the Social Subjects.

Wider Achievement Opportunities

Students have many opportunities to explore and develop in Modern Studies through report writing, essays, debating and many other activities.

Possible career paths

Modern Studies opens the door to a whole range of future careers and pathways including Law, Police, Social Work, Journalism, Media, Politics, Teaching, Civil Services, Management, Social policy, Local Government, Anthropology, Sociology, Charity Work, Marketing, Banking, Welfare Rights plus many more.