

S3 Modern Studies

Course Rationale

All Humanities courses develop skills and knowledge that allow progression into National Courses. All courses include curricular trips and outdoor learning

Course Content

China – Pupils compare life in China to life in Scotland. We look briefly at historical aspects such as the Tiananmen Square Massacre, The Great Wall, and Terracotta Warriors.

Other issues: Hong Kong protests, population control, the prison system in China compared to the Scottish system, Pollution, the Chinese Government, censorship, urban and rural areas.

Terrorism – 9/11, ISIS, various terrorist attacks around the world, reasons why people become terrorists, prevention – NATO, United Nations.

The Media – Fake News – Traditional media vs social media.

Scottish Politics – Devolved powers, the work of an MSP, Pressure groups.

Skills

This course is suitable for learners with an interest in current affairs, law, politics and the media

On completing the Course, learners will be able to: Enhance their critical thinking skills by considering both sides of an argument, they will be able to reach a decision based on evidence, analyse sources, enhance their self-confidence by working independently and in collaboration with others, improve on their communication skills, develop their use of ICT and research skills.

Course Assessment

Various activities throughout the course, end of unit tests and homework.

Progression

On completing the Course, learners will be able to: Move on to a National Level Course in Modern Studies. Progression on to other Humanities subjects at National level is encouraged.

Career Pathways

Teaching, any role in Police Scotland including forensics, Law, politics, journalism, presenting, social work, trade union work, research, careers adviser, economics, Sociology, welfare rights, anthropology.