

Why History?

History is the study of past events and societies. As well as giving you useful general knowledge about the past, History helps you to understand the world we live in now and form opinions about issues you read about in newspapers or see on television.

Course outline

The course is made up of three main units:

You will learn how to use a variety of information resources such as libraries, documents, photographs, early maps and computer databases.

By studying evidence from the chosen period, you will develop understanding of the problems of the time and be able to discuss and debate the issues.

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Details of Course Components

The course has three compulsory units including an added value unit that assesses your practical skills. Some of the units might be the same as those offered at National 4, but you will produce a higher standard of work for National 5.

1. Historical Study: Scottish

In this unit you will:

- develop techniques to comment on historical sources
- learn more about themes and events within an area of Scottish history from the Medieval, Early Modern or Later Modern period

Including:

- **The Wars of Independence 1286-1328**

2. Historical Study: British

In this unit you will:

- develop techniques to comment on the impact of historical developments
- learn more about events and themes of British history from the Medieval, Early Modern or Later Modern period

Including:

- **The Atlantic Slave Trade, 1770-1807**

3. Historical Study: European and World

In this unit you will:

- develop your skills to comment on factors that contribute to historical developments
- learn more about events and themes of European and world history

Including:

- **Germany 1815-1939**

Added Value Unit: History Assignment

In this unit you will:

- choose an issue to research using a range of skills
- write up the assignment using a structured template under exam conditions within 1 hour 30 minutes
- a variety of research methods will be chosen and used by the pupils to learn more about their chosen issue such as surveys, interviews, observations, reading, the media and the internet

ASSESSMENT

Your work will be assessed by your teacher on an ongoing basis throughout the course. Items of work might include:

- written work - research assignments, reports and case studies
- projects
- class-based assessment
- You will also sit a written exam marked by the Scottish Qualification Authority (SQA).

The exam will consist of a mixture of knowledge and skill based questions. Paper one will focus on essay questions from — British, European and world history. Paper two will be based on Historical skills and will focus on Scottish history. Each paper will last **1 hour 30 minutes.**



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Higher Geography
Advanced Higher Geography

National 4 History
National 5 History
Higher History
Advanced Higher History

National 4 Modern Studies
National 5 Modern Studies
Higher Modern Studies

Higher Politics

National 4 RMPS
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Higher RMPS

Useful websites to help you with your choices:

www.myworldofwork.co.uk
www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk

Further advice and information on these options is available from your subject teacher, guidance teacher and careers adviser.