

SOCIAL SUBJECTS: ADVANCED HIGHER HISTORY



Why History?

This course is designed to add to the breadth and depth of your knowledge and understanding of historical concepts through a chosen historical context – the American Civil War (looking at slavery and the background tensions, causes of the conflict, battles, politics, home front, foreign policy etc). It also aims to develop your skills in evaluating events and sources and making judgments. The historical research unit will enhance your skills in planning, researching, preparing and presenting an independent study.

What does the course involve?

The course is made up of two units, Historical Study and Historical Research.

Historical Study

In this unit you will be required to:

- apply knowledge and demonstrate understanding of historical developments, events and issues
- explain, analyse and evaluate historical developments, events and issues
- evaluate complex sources with reference to their provenance and context
- evaluate complex sources with reference to their wider historical context.

Historical Research

This unit requires you to carry out an in-depth study of a historical topic and write a dissertation on it. This work will enhance your research and presentation skills and encourage the more sophisticated skills of:

- source analysis
- sustained reasoning and independent study

How is your work assessed?

Units are assessed internally by your teacher in accordance with SQA guidelines. The award is based on a written examination, set and marked by the SQA and by external assessment of the dissertation.

What prior qualifications do I need, if any, for entry to this course?

- a Higher pass in History **and** Higher English at grade C or above