

SOCIAL SUBJECTS: HIGHER HISTORY



Why History

The aim of this course is to provide breadth and depth in your knowledge and understanding of historical themes through a study of the **medieval period**. It is also intended to enable you to develop a range of transferable skills, including the ability to explain developments and events, evaluate and compare sources, produce extended pieces of writing and draw informed conclusions.

What does the course involve?

The course consists of three units.

British History - Church, State and Feudal Society

- Feudalism and the power of the Church
- The reigns of David I of Scotland, Henry II and John of England
- The decline of feudalism – the Black Death and the Peasants' Revolt

European and World - The Crusades 1071-1204

- Reasons for a crusade being called and the reasons why people went to recapture Jerusalem.
- Knights, battles and the success of the First Crusade.
- The Second Crusade and the loss of Jerusalem.
- Richard, Saladin and the events of the Third Crusade.

Scottish History - The Wars of Independence - 1286-1328

- The death of Alexander III and the succession crisis.
- William Wallace and Robert Bruce.

How is your work assessed?

The course is assessed by a combination of internal assessment by the teacher and an external examination, set and marked by the SQA. Assessment will involve writing extended responses (essays) and answering source questions which require you to either evaluate, compare or contextualise sources. You will also undertake an assignment which counts towards your final grade.

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

You **must** achieve a National 5 award in History or in another Social Subject. National 5 English is also highly desirable.