

SOCIAL SUBJECTS WITH MODERN STUDIES

Why choose Social Subjects with Modern Studies?

In this course you will continue to develop skills used across social subjects from S1 and S2. You will use these skills to enhance your knowledge and understanding of Modern Studies in particular but also draw on knowledge and understanding from the other social subjects. If you have enjoyed the Dollar a day and Terrorism units in S2 you may wish to consider this course where you will learn about different groups in society today at the local, national and international level. The course provides you with valuable general knowledge and helps to prepare you for work and continued education. The skills and knowledge which you gain will help you to understand many issues of importance in the world today and to form your own opinions about them.

What does the course involve?

- Guns and Gangs in the USA – You will learn about life for different groups in the USA. What is it like growing up as a teenager in the Ghetto? Why do so many Americans own guns? Why do drugs affect some groups more than others? We will look at issues such as mass shootings, the Black Lives Matter Group and America's War on Drugs.
- North Africa and The Middle East – You will learn about the relationship between the Middle East and other World Powers. A spotlight on Syria, Libya, Afghanistan, Yemen and how they are connected to Saudi Arabia. The main issues in these countries, including terrorism, conflict, famine and corrupt governments.
- My Community – You will learn about what makes a successful community in Scotland. We will look at Crime, Inequality as well as Local Government and how you can get involved. This will help you understand your Rights and Responsibilities in Scotland.
- Research Methods – this includes how to research across Social Subjects, handling source work, and carrying out investigations

How is your work assessed?

Work will be assessed through a variety of different methods both formal and informal. These include end of unit assessments; individual assignments; participation in debates; participation in group work.

Homework in this course

Homework will be given regularly in order to assess progress.

Possible pathways in the Senior Phase

- National 4/5 in Modern Studies, History or Geography.
- National 3/4 in People in Society

Progression thereafter to Higher or Advanced Higher in whichever specialism chosen.