

**SOCIAL SUBJECTS:**

**NATIONAL 5**

**MODERN STUDIES**

At National 5 you will study three units:

**DEMOCRACY IN SCOTLAND AND THE UNITED KINGDOM**

**SOCIAL ISSUES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM: CRIME AND LAW**

**INTERNATIONAL ISSUES: TERRORISM**

**ASSESSMENT: ASSIGNMENT + QUESTION PAPER**

To gain National 5, learners must pass the Course Assessment. The Course Assessment consists of an Assignment and a Question Paper. Learners will research a topical issue and write up their Assignment in timed conditions of one hour. The Question Paper examines content of the three units and the skills of making a decision, making conclusions and supporting and opposing a point of view. Learners have two hours and twenty minutes to answer the Question Paper. The Course Assessment will be marked by the SQA and graded A to D.



**WHAT WILL YOU EXPERIENCE DURING THE COURSE?**

- Active and independent learning through self and peer evaluations, reflecting on learning, setting targets, learning logs
- A blend of classroom approaches including visits and real life contexts; teamwork approaches; whole class learning; staff-led questioning; discussion and debate
- Collaborative learning: in groups and with others locally, nationally and internationally; inter-curricular projects with English, maths and other social studies
- Space for personalisation and choice: learners may select topics within units, choose their Assignment topic and their methods of researching and presenting evidence
- Applying learning
- Embedding literacy and numeracy skills: researching and presenting information including statistics; evaluating; communicating.

National 5 progresses onto Higher Modern Studies