

HISTORY

Subject Description

The purpose of History is to provide pupils with insights into their own lives and the society in which they live. By examining the past, they discover their heritage as members of a community, a country and a wider world. They place themselves and their society in the context of the past. This purpose will be achieved through successful study of the three Units of the Course which cover Scottish, British, European and World contexts in a variety of time periods, including Medieval, Early Modern and Later Modern.

The main aims of this Course are to:

- ◆ develop pupils' conceptual understanding and foster their ability to think independently
- ◆ enable pupils to acquire breadth and depth in their knowledge and understanding of historical themes
- ◆ develop pupils' skills of explaining historical developments and events, evaluating historical sources and drawing conclusions
- ◆ develop pupils' imagination and empathy with people living in other periods
- ◆ encourage pupils to debate issues and, on the basis of evidence, form views and respect those of others
- ◆ foster in pupils an interest in history which will enhance understanding of our modern, multi-cultural society and provide a life-long interest

Course Content

Topics explored may include:

Broad General Education:

World War Two

Historical Study: Scottish

Mary Queen of Scots and the Reformation 1542 - 1587

Historical Study: British

The Atlantic Slave Trade, 1770-1807

Historical Study: European and World

Red Flag. Lenin and the Russian Revolution, 1894-1921

Progression and Pathways

After completing the S3 course, History may be continued to National 4/5, Higher and Advanced Higher level.

Studying History is particularly beneficial to pupils considering careers in law, primary teaching, journalism, the Arts and business.