

# MODERN STUDIES

## Subject Description

You can change the World and Modern Studies will give you the tools to do it!

Modern Studies will give you knowledge and understanding of the World you live in right now. How it affects you and how you can influence it. Issues that we cover include:

- Should Scotland be Independent?
- Who represents me?
- How does my voice get heard?
- Why is the USA so powerful?
- Why does the USA still use the death penalty?
- Should US citizens be allowed to openly carry a gun?
- Why is there not enough food for everyone?

The main aims of this Course are to enable pupils to:

- ◆ engage as active and informed local and global citizens
- ◆ have an appreciation of the changing nature of modern society and its inequalities
- ◆ understand and respect human rights and responsibilities
- ◆ understand the democratic process and the ways in which people can participate in society
- ◆ have an awareness of social and economic issues at national and international level
- ◆ understand different political views, systems and theories
- ◆ be aware of the nature and processes of conflict resolution at all levels

## Course Content

Topics explored may include:

- Democracy in Scotland
- Inequality and Crime in the UK
- World Power Study (USA)

## Investigation Unit and Assignment

This includes an investigation into the issues which affect The Cairngorms National Park.

## Progression and Pathways

Many employers recognise Modern Studies for a wide variety of careers including: teaching, law, civil service, the Home Office, police, social work, journalism, local Government, media, international relations, UN and EU careers, public relations.

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