

DEPARTMENT

HISTORY

TITLE OF COURSE

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LEVEL

HIGHER

RECOMMENDED ENTRY LEVELS

A pass in National 5 History, preferably C or above.

COURSE CONTENT: The purpose of this course is to provide breadth and depth in the knowledge and understanding of historical concepts, through study of chosen contexts. It is also intended to develop skills of evaluating sources and investigating issues.

Historical Study: British (40 hours)

Later Modern History – Britain 1851-1951 A study of political and popular attempts to influence the development of Britain. This includes:

The Growing Power of the People The growth of democracy

Changing Attitudes to Poverty The Liberal Welfare Reforms 1906 – 1914

The setting up of the Welfare State 1945 - 1951 - The reforms of the Labour Government 1945-51.

Historical Study: European and World (40 hours)

Germany, 1815-1939 A study of the growth of Nationalism in 19th century Germany.

Including: The Unification of Germany

The Weimar Republic

The Rise of the Nazis

The Nazi State

Historical Special Topic (40 hours)

The Impact of the Great War 1914 – 1928

- Scots on the Western Front
- Domestic impact of war on Scottish Society and Culture
- Domestic impact of war on Scottish industry and economy
- Domestic impact of war on Scottish Politics
- The significance of the Great War in the development of Scottish identity

METHODOLOGY:

Throughout the course, pupils will develop important skills including the ability to analyse historical developments and events. They will build on the skills learned at National 5, such as the evaluating of sources and placing them within an historical context. Knowledge and understanding of the topics covered is vital for all assessments. Essay writing skills will be developed and practiced in class.

ASSESSMENT

Internal Assessment - 3 UASPs will be sat, one for each of the units outlined above

External Assessment - Pupils are required to undertake an **Assignment**. This is an extended piece of work. The topic can be selected from any of the units studied. Pupils are given preparation time in class and **one hour and 30 minutes** under exam conditions in which to write up their findings. This is undertaken in March and submitted for external marking to the SQA.

The final exam comprises of a singular paper that is split into two sections the first section is focused on answering source based questions on the **Scottish** topic: **The impact of the Great War 1914-1928**. In part two pupils must answer two essays the first on the **British Section** and the second on the **European and World section**. The exam lasts **2 hours and 20 minutes**.