

## NATIONAL 4/5 MODERN STUDIES



### AWARD RECEIVED

As continued from the S1-3 course, Modern Studies will continue to explore in some depth issues that affect our society whether at local or global level and will allow you to question key issues and values whilst building a bank of interesting information and developing the key Modern Studies critical thinking skills of justifying choices, detecting bias and exaggeration and drawing conclusions based on evidence. Pupils will either gain National 4 or National 5 Modern Studies.

### COURSE CONTENT: What will I Learn?

#### 1 - Democracy in Scotland and the United Kingdom

- The UK political system including Scotland.
- Media and pressure groups
- Rights and Responsibilities of UK citizens



#### 2 - Social Issues in the United Kingdom - Crime and the Law:

- Causes of crime
- The impact of crime on individuals and society
- Role of individuals, the police, the legal system in tackling crime

#### 3 - International Issues: World Issues - terrorism

- What is terrorism?
- Causes and consequences of terrorism
- Attempts at resolving terrorism



### TEACHING METHODS: what will I do?

- Reading and note taking using text and articles
- Completing source questions
- IT research to find up to date statistics such as election results
- Discussion of key issues
- Group work tasks involving presentation of your findings
- Using research methods such as surveys and watching documentaries

### ASSESSMENT:

As well as informal testing in the form of quizzes, mini tests and questioning pupils sitting National 5 need to sit an exam (**60 marks**) and complete an assignment (**20 marks**) both of which is marked by the exam board.

National 4 pupils need to pass unit assessments as well as complete an Added Value project.



## **HOMEWORK**

- Regular homework will be given out. Due to the amount of content, pupils will be encouraged to review their notes on a regular basis at home.
- Past paper questions, especially the source questions, will be set as homework to practise the skills required.
- Revision will be required for assessments and end of unit tests.
- Pupils are also encouraged to keep up to date with the news in Scotland, UK and the world through watching the news, reading newspapers, online news and social media newsfeeds.



## **PROGRESSION IN THE SENIOR PHASE**

If you complete National 4 to a high standard, you can progress to National 5 Modern Studies next year. If you complete National 5 to a good standard then you have the option to progress to Higher Modern Studies.