

What will I study?

There are three units of study

Scottish and British Topic

This unit will be based on the later modern period, Britain 1850's – 1979 – Studying the growth of democracy, votes for women and the development of the welfare state.

European and World Topic

This unit will be based on a study of the Cold War from its emergence after World War 2 to the fall of the USSR in 1989. Pupils will study events in Europe, Cuba and Vietnam.

Scottish Topic

This unit will be based on Migration and Empire 1830 – 1939. This is a study of population movement and social and economic change in Scotland and abroad between 1830 and 1939, illustrating the themes of empire, migration and identity.

What skills will I develop?

Develops the core skills of critical thinking and the analysis of key historical concepts.

Development of essay writing skills—organisation, prioritising, writing, developing a line of argument and coming to a conclusion.

Development of research strategies, notetaking and referencing.

How will I be assessed?

- The current external examination takes the format of two essays—one for the British unit and one for the Cold War unit and three document handling questions for the Scottish unit.
- Details of the new exam paper will not be available until September 2017 but it is not anticipated changes will be too wide sweeping.
- Pupils also choose, research and write up an assignment which is marked externally by the SQA.

What help is Higher History after school?

- Higher education courses in History, humanities and social sciences, law and business administration or other related areas
- Further education courses including HNC/HND courses in arts and social sciences or other areas
- Employment or vocational training in a variety of different areas

Possible Careers

