



Humanities Faculty

Higher History Course



What will I be learning?

The Higher History course covers 3 topics:

- **Scottish Context: The Impact of the Great War, 1914-1928.** You will learn about the role of Scots on the Western Front and how the war impacted life back home, including the economy and politics.
- **British Context: Church, State and Feudal Society, 1066-1406.** You will learn about the nature of Medieval society, assess the success of King David I and John, how Henry II increased royal authority, and why feudalism declined in the 14th century.
- **European and Worldwide Context: Russia, 1881-1921.** You will learn about the challenges faced by the last Tsar, Nicholas II, how the Bolsheviks seized power and the Civil War that followed.

How will I be assessed?

Higher History consists of an exam and 1 piece of coursework.

Paper 1: In 1 hour 30 minutes, you will write 2 essays from a choice of 6 unseen questions (40% grade).

Paper 2: You will have 1 hour 30 minutes to answer 4 source questions on the Scottish topic (33% grade).

Higher Assignment: You will work independently to research and write a 30-mark essay on a topic of your choosing using 4 historical sources. You will have 1 week in class and then 2 weeks at home to prepare your essay with minimal teacher input. You will then be required to write your essay under exam conditions in class time in 1 hour 30 minutes using only a 250-word plan to help (27% grade).

What does homework look like?

You will receive at least one piece of homework per week. This may be to write a paragraph, essay, or to answer a source question. You will have at least a week to complete homework tasks.

Periodically, you will have timed essays or source questions in class. You will be expected to prepare for these at home.

Homework will be given out in class and all class resources will be uploaded onto Teams for you to access. These will also help you to prepare for prelims in January as well as the final exam in April/May.

See your teacher if you need help accessing Teams or need paper copies.