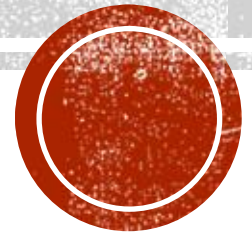


SOCIAL SUBJECTS DEPARTMENT

What's this all about?



INTRODUCTION

- In our department there are currently 4 core subjects; history, modern studies, geography, and RMPS. At higher level we also offer politics and an additional subject has been offered for the academic year 22-23 – national 5 classical studies.
- S1 and S2 receive one lesson a week from the 4 core subjects.
- S3 receive 3 lessons, National 5 receive 5 and Higher receive 6
- Across the department we work from and use booklets as a primary teaching tool, along with **knowledge organisers** and **flash cards** for revision and retrieval.



HISTORY

- History provides pupils with insights into their own lives and of the society and the wider world in which they live. By examining the past, pupils can better understand their own communities, their country and the wider world. Through an understanding of the concept of continuity, they can better appreciate change and its significance, both in their own times and in the past.
- Study Examples – Stone Age Scotland, The Vikings, Nazi Germany, Transatlantic Slave Trade, Russia



MODERN STUDIES

- Modern Studies is all about studying the society around us. It is about looking at people and the way they interact with each other, how the world is run and how things can change and influence what happens to us. We look at social, political and economic issues on three different levels: local, national and international.
- Study Examples – Politics, Discrimination, Terrorism, Crime and Law, Development Issues in Africa



GEOGRAPHY

- Geography is a study of people and place. It is a far reaching subject that deals with the landscape and environment around us and how humans interact with it. There is a variety of topical and relevant issues within the subject which offers variety of for learners to engage with.
- Study Examples – Maps Skills, Living in Climates Around the World, Rivers, Global issues, Climate Change



RMPS

- RMPS stands for; Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies. Within the subject we study religious and non-religious beliefs, practices and values and the impact of these on wider society. As well as studying moral issues and philosophical questions and the religious and non-religious responses to these. Currently this subjects is for S1-3, one period a week.
- Study Examples – Religions, Sacred Wonders, Animal Rights, Moral issues



POLITICS

- The Higher qualification in Politics gives an insight into how the world works. Without politics there would be nothing holding any country together and by taking the course pupils increase their knowledge of the origins, development and future of politics in the UK and beyond. By combining the history of political theory and present day examples pupils will find out how governments' have developed and evolved over time.
- This is an ideal course for someone who would like to further enhance their History or Modern Studies knowledge and allows for a greater level of freedom when structuring arguments and analysing information and these skills can be used across many other subject areas and beyond in future studies or careers.
- Study Examples – Political Theory, Political Systems, Political Parties and Elections



CLASSICAL STUDIES

- In the Classical Studies course, pupils will learn about classical societies and how the issues of the classical world are relevant to an understanding of modern society. They begin to develop their sense of identity and place in the modern world by building a framework of religious, political, social, moral or cultural knowledge and understanding.
- Study Examples – Life in Ancient Athens, Pompeii, Classical Literature Reviews

