

Humanities

Geography, History, Modern Studies, Philosophy



Geography

If you choose to focus on Geography, you will develop skills using a variety of contexts which will explore aspects of physical and human Geography, allowing you to make links between people and place. Topics studied will broaden and deepen understanding of physical and human environments. This will lead to you applying this understanding as you are challenged to analyse and evaluate information and create solutions to the ever increasing variety and complexity of global issues. You will study these concepts through a place based approach, exploring case studies in each continent. Inter-disciplinary working will occur where appropriate as you apply your knowledge and skills in other areas of the curriculum, such as with Physics using the school Seismometer to understand how waves are transmitted through the earth following an earthquake and applying this to a case study as it happens during the course.

History

If you choose to focus on History, you will develop analytical, reasoning and communication skills using a variety of contexts which will explore how past events can inform our decisions today. This will broaden and deepen understanding from a range of historical issues in Scotland, Britain, Europe and the wider world such as: the impact and aftermath of war on society; democracy versus dictatorship; understanding current conflict; influential and colourful characters through Scottish History. You will also have the opportunity for personalisation as you choose an issue to study in depth which will invite debate and argument. Inter-disciplinary working will occur where appropriate as you apply your knowledge and skills in other areas of the curriculum, such as literature influenced by war in English. Natural links will also be made with the other Humanities courses where appropriate, such as current issues around dictatorships (Arab Spring) and sectarianism in Scotland in Modern Studies.

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Modern Studies

If you choose to focus on Modern Studies, you will develop analytical, reasoning and communication skills using a variety of contexts which will explore aspects of modern day life in Scotland & the UK as well as the wider world. This will broaden and deepen understanding of social issues such as: the political system and the place of Scotland in the UK and the USA; the causes and impact of crime; the legal system; the police and tackling crime. You will also carry out an in depth study of social, economic and political aspects of the types, causes, impacts and responses to global terrorism. You will also have the opportunity for personalisation as you choose an issue to study in depth which will invite debate and argument. Through this you will have opportunities to experience challenge and application as you further develop and apply your knowledge and skills in a new context. Natural links will also be made with the other Humanities courses where appropriate, such as political doctrines influencing decisions affecting the natural world in Geography and viewpoints on current conflicts being influenced by past conflicts in History.

Philosophy

If you choose to focus on Philosophy you will develop analytical, reasoning and communication skills using a variety of contexts which will enable you to explore, analyse and evaluate arguments and moral theories. Throughout the course, pupils will develop knowledge and understanding of some key philosophical concepts and questions concerning arguments in action, moral philosophy and epistemology. Pupils will also think critically and develop analytical and evaluative skills appropriate to Philosophy. Studying Philosophy can develop skills in critical thinking, debate, personal relationships, reasoning, understanding the human condition and analysing the purpose of life. The skills and qualifications gained are extremely transferable and can lead to all kinds of further and higher education courses. Natural links will also be made with the other Humanities courses where appropriate, such as evaluation and respect for differing viewpoints when considering environmental issues in Geography and understanding the root cause of some historical and current conflicts in History and Modern Studies.