

Modern Studies

Course Overview

Learning Modern Studies helps to create and develop informed, active citizens who are able to understand their place in the world. Modern Studies aims to provide pupils with an awareness of the social, economic and political issues at a national and international level. It is an exciting and fast paced subject that supports learners to develop important employability skills:

- Excellent communication skills
- How to construct an argument
- Research and problem solving skills
- Analytical and interpretation skills.

When taking Modern Studies in S3 pupils will have the opportunity to engage in four units of work.

Political Issues—Media in Modern Britain

This unit looks at the impact that new media is having on the economic, social and political landscape of Britain.

International Issues—Global Security

This unit investigates the issue of terrorism. It allows learners to study the causes, methods and responses to the global threat of terrorism.

Social Issues

Race and Criminal Justice

This unit looks at the experiences of ethnic minority citizens in criminal justice systems. Learners will have the opportunity to investigate a number of high profile cases involving race and evaluate the effectiveness of strategies used by British and American police forces. They will also learn how these two different criminal justice systems plan to build better relationships with ethnic minority communities.

Research Skills

This unit gives learners the opportunity to gain invaluable experience in carrying out a piece of social research. It takes them through planning, fieldwork, results analysis to presentation of findings.

Progression

Successful Learners can move in to National 4 to Higher Modern Studies.

The skills developed are transferrable to any Social Subjects course including Business Management and so learners can choose to embark on these courses in the Senior Phase

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