Advanced Higher History

# Course Rationale

Advanced Higher level allows learners to acquire depth in their knowledge and understanding of historical themes and to develop further the skills of analysing complex historical issues, evaluating sources and drawing conclusions. The Course makes a distinctive contribution to the curriculum by engaging in the issues which arise from significant historical events and developments. The depth of study enables learners to engage fully in historical debate and thereby develop a deeper appreciation of the forces which have shaped historical developments.

# Course Content

## 2 Units

* Historical Study - Russia: from Tsarism to Stalinism, 1914-45
* Researching Historical Issues

# Skills

# Evaluating a wide range of historical sources which have some complex features, taking into account their provenance, content and historical and historiographical contexts

# Engaging with the views of a range of historians and sustaining a coherent line of argument

# Drawing well-reasoned conclusions supported by detailed evidence

# Identifying appropriate research issues & planning and managing a complex programme of research

# Sourcing, collecting and recording appropriate and reliable information

# Evaluating, analysing and synthesising evidence

# Organising, presenting and referencing findings using appropriate conventions

# Course Assessment

## Question Paper 1

This is worth 90 marks. This question paper lasts 3 hours.

Learners will answer questions from one Section only. Each Section will have two parts with the following mark allocations: Part A: Historical Issues (50 marks) and Part B: Historical Sources (40 marks).

## Project-dissertation

This is worth 50 marks. Learners must identify an appropriate complex historical issue for research. A range of both primary and secondary sources must support this.

# Progression

Successful candidates at Advanced Higher level can progress to Higher Education degree courses in social sciences or related areas.

# Career Pathways

Archaeologist Archivist History Teacher Art Gallery Curator

Broadcast Journalist Civil Service Conservator Diplomatic Service Officer

Tourist Guide Stone Mason Museum Assistant Travel Advisor