S3 Modern Studies

# Course Rationale

All Humanities courses develop skills and knowledge that allow progression into National Courses. All courses include curricular trips and outdoor learning

# Course Content

**China** – Pupils compare life in China to life in Scotland. We look briefly at historical aspects such as the Tiananmen Square Massacre, The Great Wall, and Terracotta Warriors.

**Other issues:** Hong Kong protests, population control, the prison system in China compared to the Scottish system, Pollution, the Chinese Government, censorship, urban and rural areas.

**Terrorism** – 9/11, ISIS, various terrorist attacks around the world, reasons why people become terrorists, prevention – NATO, United Nations.

**The Media –** Fake News – Traditional media vs social media.

**Scottish Politics** – Devolved powers, the work of an MSP, Pressure groups.

# Skills

# This course is suitable for learners with an interest in current affairs, law, politics and the media

# On completing the Course, learners will be able to: Enhance their critical thinking skills by considering both sides of an argument, they will be able to reach a decision based on evidence, analyse sources, enhance their self-confidence by working independently and in collaboration with others, improve on their communication skills, develop their use of ICT and research skills.

# Course Assessment

# Various activities throughout the course, end of unit tests and homework.

# Progression

# On completing the Course, learners will be able to: Move on to a National Level Course in Modern Studies. Progression on to other Humanities subjects at National level is encouraged.

# Career Pathways

# Teaching, any role in Police Scotland including forensics, Law, politics, journalism, presenting, social work, trade union work, research, careers adviser, economics, Sociology, welfare rights, anthropology.