



Course Outline

Pupils are required to successfully complete 3 units of work as follows:

- **Modern Studies: Democracy in Scotland and the United Kingdom** – Assessment focuses on using evidence to identify and explain the extent of objectivity.
- **Modern Studies: Social Issues in the United Kingdom** – Social Inequality in the UK is studied. Assessment focuses on using evidence to make and justify a decision.
- **Modern Studies: International Issues** – America as a World Power is studied. Assessment focuses on using evidence to draw and support conclusions.

The external exam consists of:

- Two written examination papers, marked externally by the SQA.
- An Assignment researched in class and at home, written up in exam conditions before being marked externally by SQA. The Assignment contributes 30% to the overall external assessment.

To improve on his current performance with **Higher Modern Studies** your child could use some of the following strategies:-

Strategy	✓
Produce a study planner to ensure regular study each week	
Revise course notes regularly to keep on top of course content	
Make use of spider diagrams, cue cards or other study aids to help organise key pieces of information	
Complete all homework tasks set and on hand in on time	
Attend supported study classes on offer (INSERT DATES OF SUPPORTED STUDY)	
Attempt SQA past examination questions under timed conditions – www.sqa.org.uk	
Ensure deadlines are met for SQA assignments and projects	
Identify command words at the start of questions to ensure questions are answered properly	
Apply more effort in class to ensure all work is complete	
Ensure deadlines are met for SQA assignments and projects	
Make use of on-line learning resources such as...	
Engage more with classroom discussions and focus on activities to develop knowledge and understanding	
Develop the level of detail and exemplification in written work	
Prepare thoroughly for class assessments and act on any feedback provided by class teachers	
Make sure class attendance is high and coursework missed is caught up on promptly	
Ensure time is given to practicing essay skills such as analysing, evaluating, and drawing conclusions	
Develop course knowledge and understanding by reading materials in school and at home	
Practise using evidence from sources to enhance enquiry skills techniques	

Extra resources – Most internationally recognised news websites, such as BBC News, Sky News, CNN, and Al-Jazeera UK. British newspapers, such as The Guardian, The Sun, The Telegraph, and the Independent. American newspapers, such as The New York Times, The Huffington Post, and The Washington Post.

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