



**Course Outline**

The course consists of three units an Added Value Unit (N4) and an Assignment (N5):

- **Democracy in Scotland and the UK** - Democracy in Scotland
- **Social Issues in the UK** - Crime and the Law
- **International Issues** – China as a World Power

Assessment at N5 consists of 2 parts:

- A written examination paper (2 hour 20 minutes), marked externally by the SQA.
- An Assignment researched in class and at home. The Assignment is written up under exam conditions (1 hour) before being marked externally by SQA. The Assignment contributes 20% to the overall external assessment.

Assessment at N4 consists of:

- A written exam for every unit, internally marked
- An Added Value Unit

To improve on his current performance with **National 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 – <a href="http://www.sqa.org.uk">www.sqa.org.uk</a>	
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	
Make use of on-line learning resources such as...	
Engage more with classroom discussions and focus on activities to develop knowledge and understanding	
Extend 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	
Practise using evidence from sources to enhance enquiry skills techniques	
Develop course knowledge and understanding by reading materials in school and at home	
Ensure commitment to researching and preparing for the N5 assignment	
<b>Focus on passing all the N4 units and AVU to achieve a full N4 award</b>	
<b>Work towards the final N5 examination in May/June</b>	

**Websites** – 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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