

Overview of New Courses:

Scottish Studies

Course Level: National 4 / 5

This new course is a collaboration between English, History and Drama.

The course builds on skills developed previously in these subject areas but is open to those who have not previously studied History and/or Drama.

The course is aimed at learners who feel that the next step to National 5 or Higher (in one of these subjects) might be too demanding but are keen to continue to develop their skills.

The Scottish Studies Award provides opportunities for learners to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding of Scotland — in terms of its people, languages (for example Scots and Gaelic), society, culture, natural environment and heritage — and to make connections across the curriculum.

It provides recognition for learners who choose to make these connections by studying aspects of three subject areas in a Scottish context.

The Award provides learners with opportunities to broaden their understanding and appreciation of the society in which they live. This, in turn, may provide opportunities for these learners to reflect on, and build, their own sense of identity as residents of Scotland and the wider world.

National 4

Mandatory Unit

All learners must complete a Scottish Studies: Scotland in Focus unit which draws on the things they have learned as part of their component courses.

English

Learners will complete a unit which focusses on aspects of Scottish life. They will read and analyse Scottish works and be encouraged to write and talk using Scots as their main mode of communication.

Drama

Learners will explore drama skills by responding to various situations in a Scottish context to develop and communicate ideas through drama. Learners will also be expected to plan, devise, and participate in a dramatic piece. Learners need to be able to reflect on their role in the group process.

History

Learners will complete an Historical Study dedicated to an aspect of Scottish History. This will involve commenting on historical sources by identifying the main ideas and comparing two sources. Using this knowledge, learners will show their understanding of a key Scottish historical event by explaining accurately what happened and its significance.

National 5

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Drama

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History

Learners will complete an Historical Study dedicated to an aspect of Scottish History. This will involve evaluating and commenting on historical sources by identifying the main ideas and comparing two sources. Using this knowledge, learners will show their understanding of a key Scottish historical event by explaining accurately, and in detail, what happened and its significance.