

SKILLS

of disinformation and political extremes, critical thinking is more important than ever. As we evaluate our place in history and our impact on the planet, studying History and Geography provides the skillset to engage with and improve the world we live in.



POSITIVE DESTINATIONS

Our passion for our subjects, support for our pupils, academic rigour and positive ethos means that our students are well set to go off into the world and make it a better place.

CAREERS

Law, journalism, environmentalism, academia, heritage sector work, politics, business, sustainability, education, charitable work, activism, writing and the creative industries - Social Subjects will provide you with the skills, knowledge and drive to succeed across a range of careers and disciplines.

If you want to do it, Social Subjects will help you get there!

DIGITAL LEARNING

As one-to-one iPad provision is rolled out for all pupils, we are revamping courses and lessons to maximise this exciting new resource. This will build upon our excellent use of Teams that developed as a result of online learning under Covid.

ATTAINMENT

Our faculty has a long track record of excellent results at SQA examinations. We always strive to ensure our pupils have the best academic experience that supports them to fulfil their potential and excel in their examinations by engaging with SQA changes and curricular developments.

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S1-3 BGE HISTORY

Through the BGE, our students develop the skills required to be an excellent historian. Studying the history of Edinburgh, the horrors of the Atlantic Slave Trade and the outbreak and nature of WW2, our S1s and S2s experience a varied and exciting curriculum. This builds to S3 where we study Scotland in the Era of the Great War, building both skills and content at N5 level in preparation for the senior phase. Our S3 pupils also have the opportunity to achieve N4 Classical Studies as part of their skills rotation.

S1-3 BGE GEOGRAPHY

In S1 Geography, pupils develop their map skills, investigate climate regions such as deserts, rainforests and the tundra plus undertake a case study on life in China. In S2, pupils will find out how earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis are created and what damage they can cause. Furthermore, during this year pupils will also explore the UN's Global Goals with lessons on malaria and ocean plastic. In S3 pupils complete a case study on Rio de Janeiro, study the formation of rivers, research how climate change is affecting the world and compare farming in the UK and India. Furthermore, in S3 pupils will have the chance to study N4 Travel and Tourism as part of the skills rotation.

QUALIFICATIONS OFFERED

HISTORY

National 4/5:

Scotland in the Era of the Great War

Hitler and Nazi Germany

Changing Britain 1760-1900



Higher:

The Making of Modern Britain

Migration and Empire

USA 1918-1968



Advanced Higher:

Northern Britain, Iron Age to 1034



GEOGRAPHY

National 4/5:

Limestone, Rivers, Weather, Rural, Urban, Population, Climate Change and Development and Health.



Higher:

Glaciation, Coasts, Atmosphere, Biosphere, Hydrosphere, Population, Rural, Urban, Climate Change, River Basin Management and Application of Skills.



Advanced Higher:

Map Interpretation, Descriptive + Inferential Statistics, Gathering and Processing Techniques, Geographical Data Handling.



HIGHLIGHTS

EXCELLENCE

At FHS we have a long track record of academic excellence in History and Geography. Our high quality learning and teaching, backed with SQA experience and ongoing self-evaluation means that our pupils are always ready to maximise their potential and gain the best possible qualifications. Pupils know they will have an excellent experience, and that is why so many choose to stay with us all the way to the end of S6!

PUPIL TESTIMONY

"Studying History helped me to understand what was going on at Uni when I started, to thrive and succeed throughout my degree, and to have a critical lens on the world which has driven me to change it for the better."

"The best thing about the History department is the way that you're taught. The genuine passion that the staff have about what they're teaching is infectious and truly makes for a wonderful experience."

"It was the variety of subjects on offer within the History department that got me hooked!"

"My favourite thing about Geography and probably the main reason I chose it was the department and the teachers. I found the ethos of the department was always really patient and helpful."

"You'd be surprised at how much of what you learn in Geography can actually help you outside of an exam!"

"Studying Geography at Firrhill made me realise that I want to help people and our planet."

EXCURSIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

Imaging History
Battlefields Trip
National Museums Scotland
Fieldwork
Iceland Trip
Business Links

