

NATIONALS IN A NUTSHELL

The National Parent Forum of Scotland Summary of Classical Studies National 4

CLASSICAL
STUDIES
SOCIAL STUDIES

NATIONAL

4

3

UNITS

LIFE IN CLASSICAL GREECE
CLASSICAL LITERATURE
LIFE IN THE ROMAN WORLD

+
ADDED
VALUE
UNIT

ADDED VALUE UNIT: CLASSICAL STUDIES ASSIGNMENT

What skills will my child develop?

- straightforward factual knowledge and understanding of religious, political, social, moral or cultural aspects of life in classical Greek and Roman societies
- straightforward factual knowledge and understanding of classical literature, to identify links between the classical and modern worlds (eg Scotland)
- researching and processing information and presenting findings on a classical studies topic or issue
- investigating and communication skills to draw comparisons between the classical and modern worlds
- the ability to use evidence (eg archaeology) to compare the classical and modern worlds
- the ability to comment on the usefulness of sources of evidence
- drawing straightforward conclusions from classical literature about universal ideas, themes or values
- analysis and evaluation

WHAT WILL MY CHILD EXPERIENCE DURING THE COURSE?

- Active and independent learning through self and peer evaluations, group feedback, reflecting on learning, making independent decisions
- A blend of classroom approaches whole class learning; group work and peer learning; visits
- Collaborative learning: working in pairs, small groups or larger groups on researching and presenting topics or gathering and evaluating research; discussion; collaborative blogs; with partners in English, Social Studies, Sciences
- Space for personalisation and choice: learners can choose a topic or issue for their Assignment and their method of presenting findings
- Applying learning
- Embedding literacy and numeracy skills: reading; talking; listening; researching, presenting and analysing information; using technology.

ASSESSMENT

- To gain National 4, learners must pass all Units
- Units are assessed as pass or fail by the school/centre (following SQA external quality assurance to meet national standards)
- Unit assessment (or 'evidence of learning') could be presented in a variety of ways such as oral or electronic presentations, podcasts, extended writing, discussions, notes, multi-modal texts; wikis. A portfolio of work may be prepared
- The Added Value Unit (Assignment) will require learners to research and present findings on a classical studies topic or issue.

National 4 progresses onto National 5



For more detailed course information:

SQA: Classical Studies National 4: www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47440.html

Education Scotland: www.educationscotland.gov.uk/nationalqualifications/index.asp

Curriculum for Excellence Key Terms and Features Factfile:

www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/CfEFactfileOverview_tcm4-665983.pdf



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