

## **History National 4/5**

Pupils who have been successfully studying History in S3 would be most suitable for entry to National 4/5 History.

National 4/5 History focuses on the study on events from the past 200 years in Britain and Europe. Pupils learn about political, social, economic, technological and ideological changes. We are interested in helping pupils to understand issues such as the reliability of sources and evidence, as well as helping pupils to make use of information contained within different types of sources. Pupils are encouraged to form conclusions based on evidence and to discuss the opinion of others.

The National 4/5 History course at Grove Academy is divided into three units:

- **Changing Britain, 1760 to 1900.** This unit covers major changes in Britain's past in several themes – Health and Housing, Industry, Transport and Democratic Reform.
- **The Era of the Great War, 1910-1928.** This unit covers the experiences of Scots in the Great War and its impact on life in Scotland across several themes – Scots on the Western Front, Domestic Impact of War: Society and Culture, Industry and Economy, Politics.
- **Hitler and Nazi Germany 1919-39.** This unit covers the establishment of democracy in Germany, its collapse and the rise of the Nazi state through several themes – Weimar Germany, 1919-29, The Nazi Rise to Power, 1929-33, Nazi Control of Germany, Nazi Social and Economic Policies.

### **Assessment:**

Continuous assessment is an important part of the National 4/5 History course. Each unit in the course is divided into several parts and each of those parts is concluded with an assessment exercise. Department staff use the assessment exercises in order to keep track of pupil progress while pupils will gain greater experience of dealing with the types of questions they will be expected to answer in the final exam.

Pupils will be required to pass three end of unit assessments before sitting the final exam at the end of S4. National 4/5 History also includes an Added Value unit which the pupils will need to complete.

### **Homework:**

Pupils will be asked to prepare or complete the assessment exercises for each theme and unit within the National 4/5 History course, as well as preparing for the required end of unit assessments and the Added Value Unit assessment. Pupils may also be asked to complete other forms of homework such as completing class work or further reading.

### **Progression:**

An award in National 5 History allows pupils to progress to study Higher History. An award in National 4 Level allows pupils to progress to National 5 History. Different units will be studied by pupils studying National 5 in S5. History can be useful in a variety of contexts and careers, as the skills involved in the subject can be transferred. National 4/5 History can prove useful for studying other social subjects at Higher or at university, as well as part of a History degree. Studying History also opens up a wide range of future careers such as teaching, the law, tourism, publishing, the civil service and local government.