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Dumfries Academy

FACULTY SOCIAL
SUBJECTS

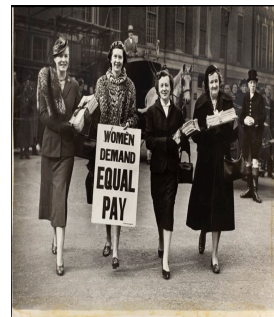
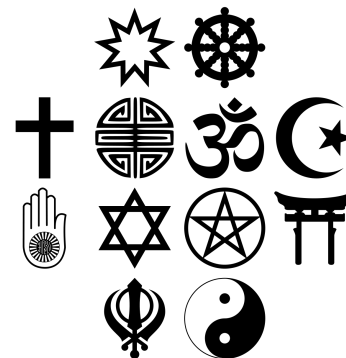
What is Social Subjects?

In Social Subjects, students study History, Geography, Modern Studies and Religious and Moral Education when in S1-3.

You may study Sociology and Psychology when you move into S4-6.

In S1, History, Geography and Modern Studies delivered by subject specialists on 3 x 12 week rotations.

RME is delivered by the same teacher all-year round.



S1 Overview - Modern Studies

Africa and the Developing World



What will S1 learn about in the Developing World unit?

- Why Africa is a developing continent?
- Education in Africa
- Africa and Disease (Malaria and HIV/AIDS)
- Street children
- Child labour
- Child soldiers
- Other problems facing Africa such as water shortages, food shortages, climate change
- How governments and non-governmental organisations aim to help Africa

S1 Overview - History



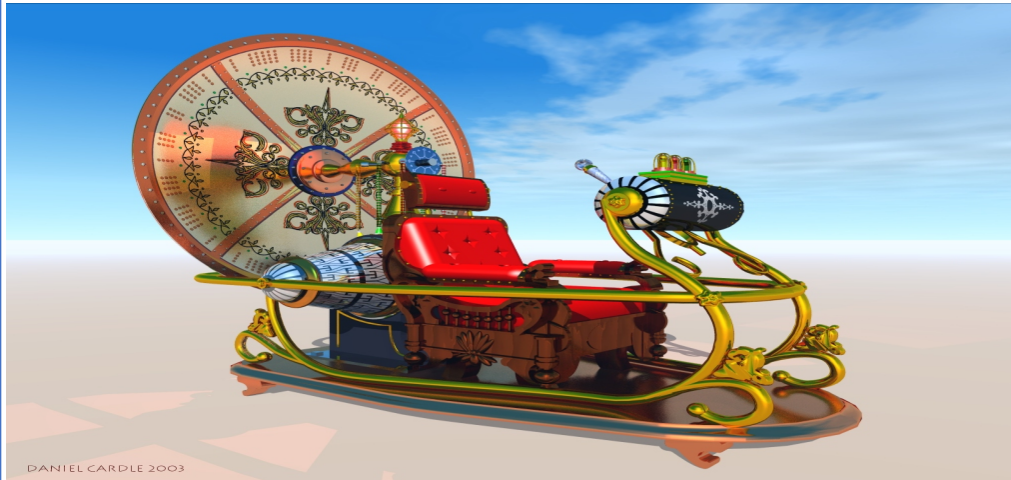
*An introduction to
History unit*

*The First World War
(1914-18)*

What will S1 learn about in History?

An introduction to History:

- Understanding Time: chronology, timelines and centuries.
- Working with evidence: The role of an archaeologist and Investigating primary and secondary sources.
- Literacy Assignment: You will complete a creative Short Story – An adventure in time.



What will S1 learn about in the First World War Unit?

The First World War (1914-18)

- *Why the war started?*
- *Who was involved?*
- *Weapons and WW1*
- *The key battles of war*
- *The Home Front*
- *The role played by women*
- *The aftermath of war*



S1 Overview - Geography

Map and Atlas Skills

Deserts Project



What will S1 learn about in the Map and Atlas Skills Unit?

Map and Atlas Skills

- Understanding different types of maps: relief and political
- Understanding Direction
- How to use a compass and develop an understanding of 4 and 6 figure grid references
- Independent Research project on a country
- Climate Change



S1 Overview - RME

Understanding Morality

World Religion





You can find the Social Subjects department in the Minerva building.

You will not have all of the teachers in S1 but you might as you progress through the school!

Let's meet the Team, who are glad to be back in school after lockdown earlier this year!



Mr Mika – Principal Teacher of Social Subjects

Specialist subjects: History and Sociology

How long have you been at Dumfries Academy? 9 Years

Hobbies: Football, exploring the great outdoors, travelling, cooking/eating!

Best part of lockdown: Being able to spend more time at home with my baby daughter, Isla. Learning more about Dumfries and Galloway.

Worst part of lockdown:

- Not being able to see My Mum, Dad and siblings.
- No live sport!

What I look forward to when we return in August each year? Being back in Minerva and the buzz of the classroom. I always miss the interaction, engagement and banter. I can't wait to see my pupils and colleagues again and I look forward to meeting our new S1!



Mr Propp – Teacher of Social Subjects

Specialist subjects: History, Modern Studies and RME

How long have you been at Dumfries Academy? 14 Years

Hobbies: Reading, Cinema and Films. Cooking, Warhammer

Best part of lockdown: Being able to cook from scratch more often.

Worst part of lockdown: Cabin fever and looking at a computer screen all day!

What I look forward to when we return in August each year? The smiles and hellos!



Mr Mohan – Teacher of Social Subjects

Specialist subjects:

Geography and Rural Skills (which you can do further up the school)

How long have you been at Dumfries Academy?

- *A very, very long time!*

Hobbies:

- *Learning new things, travel, running, reading, gardening, photography*

Best part of lockdown:

- *My garden has never looked better*

Worst part of lockdown:

- *Missing meeting pupils and my colleagues every day*

What I look forward to when we return in August each year? *Meeting the new S1 and teaching classes*



Miss McLardie – Teacher of Social Subjects

Specialist subjects: *Geography and Modern Studies*

How long have you been at Dumfries Academy? *3 years*

Hobbies:

- *Running*
- *Eating*
- *Spending time with my family/friends*
- *Travelling – being a geography teacher, I love to explore new places and cultures!*

Best part of lockdown: *Learning how to cook from scratch and having more time to read for enjoyment!*

Worst part of lockdown:

- *Missing family/friends*
- *Exploring/travelling*
- *Teaching all of the lovely pupils at Dumfries Academy!*

What I look forward to when we return in August each year? *To have some more routine in my life and do what I love, teaching! We are so excited to meet you all!*



Ms. French – Teacher of Social Subjects

Specialist subjects: *History and Modern Studies*

How long have you been at Dumfries Academy: *9 years, although I have spent the last two years in Gibraltar. I am looking forward to returning in August!*

Hobbies:

Going to the gym, cinema and travelling new places

Best part of lockdown:

I've learned to appreciate all the small things I had previously taken for granted before lockdown, such as a hug or handshake.

Worst part of lockdown:

- *Not being able to hug friends and family.*
- *Trying to explain to my young son why he can't play with his friends or go to playparks.*

What I look forward to when we return in August each year?

Meeting our lovely new S1 and learning all about their



Miss Baxter – Teacher of Social Subjects

Specialist subject:

Geography

How long have you been at Dumfries Academy?

I'm a new teacher to the school!

Hobbies:

Walks with my dog, watching TV and Netflix, gym

Best part of lockdown:

Trying new recipes, reading and Disney +

Worst part of lockdown:

Not seeing friends/family, unable to go to restaurants

What I look forward to when we return in August each year? Getting to know everyone in the school!



Ms. Papworth – Teacher of Social Subjects/ASL

Specialist subjects: *History and Modern Studies, as well as Additional Support for Learning*

How long have you been at Dumfries Academy? *18 months*

Hobbies: *Baking and walking my dog*

Best part of lockdown: *Getting to spend more time with my son, and not having to get up as early in the mornings!*

Worst part of lockdown: *Not being able to see my Mum.*

What I look forward to when we return in August each year? *I look forward to getting to know new pupils and seeing the ones I already know again. I'm missing their terrible jokes!*



Miss Little – Teacher of Psychology/ASL

Specialist subject:

Psychology

How long have you been at Dumfries Academy?

Almost 2 years

Hobbies:

Spending time with friends and family, Reading, Watching TV and movies

Best part of lockdown:

Getting to spend all my time with my baby girl, Emily

Worst part of lockdown:

Not being able to just do what I want and see my friends and family and not being able to go out for tea!

What I am looking forward to when we return in August?

I'm so excited to get back to school and see all the new faces and talk to everyone in real life and not just through a screen!



Mr McGair – Teacher of Social Subjects

Specialist subjects:

History and Sociology

How long have you been at Dumfries Academy?

38 years

Hobbies:

Travelling, Reading and of course History

Best part of lockdown:

Having time to catch up on all the little jobs and tasks you had put off before.

Worst part of lockdown:

Not meeting up with family and friends. Not being able to travel.

What I am looking forward to when we return in August?

Returning to some sort of normality and taking up a new role working with the S6 Advanced Higher History students twice monthly. Though I hope to meet some of the new S1 when I am in school.



Mr Aitken – Teacher of Social Subjects/Depute Rector

Specialist subjects:

History and RME.

How long have you been at Dumfries Academy?

Just over 3 years.

Hobbies:

Reading, watching T.V./movies, travel, walking my dogs, spending time with my family.

Best part of lockdown:

Not having to set an alarm every morning.

Worst part of lockdown:

Not being able to visit my baby nephew.

What I am looking forward to when we return in August?

I haven't taught any S1 classes for a while so I'm excited to be teaching S1 this year and I'm looking forward to getting to know you all.