



# ARMADALE ACADEMY

## Higher Modern Studies How to Pass Guide

*for parents and carers*

### Exam breakdown and links to key SQA documents

- Exam Breakdown: Paper 1 - Essay Paper (1 hour 45 minutes) & Paper 2 – Source Questions (1 hour 15 minutes)
- Exam Components: 100% exam (2022 only)
- Past Papers: <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47924.html>
- Understanding Standards: [https://www.understandingstandards.org.uk/Subjects/Modern\\_Studies/higher](https://www.understandingstandards.org.uk/Subjects/Modern_Studies/higher)

### Resources to support your child

#### External

- SQA Past Papers

#### Internal

Higher Modern Studies Teams Page in the following folders:

- Section 1 – Democracy in Scotland and the United Kingdom
- Section 2 – Social Issues in the United Kingdom
- Section 3 – International Issues
- Source Questions

Family Learning Area on School Website

Essay 'How to Guides' – available on Teams

Think Four Website <https://bit.ly/3BdhMHI>

### Practical strategies to support your child

- Answering past paper exam questions and self-marking against the marking instructions - these are available from the SQA website
- Writing Essays and Source Questions under timed conditions – approximately 24 minutes for a 12 mark essay, 40 minutes for a 20 mark essay. Conclusions and Objectivity Source Questions – 26 minutes each, 21 minutes for a reliability of sources question
- Stick post-it notes detailing key information around your room so that you can revise on the move.
- Record yourselves reading out your revision notes and listen to them while walking to school, in the car, on a bus.
- Mind map information on each topic.
- Use colour to code revision notes.
- Create flash-cards.
- Highlight areas where you are unsure and make sure these areas remain a key revision focus.
- Make a list of key words for each topic – memorise these words and what they mean.
- Make a list of examples for each topic and memorise these

### How can you support your child?

- Help them to create a revision timetable so that revision isn't left until the last minute.
- Quiz your child on the material in their jotter / handouts after they have revised a particular topic.
- Get your child to teach you about a particular topic. Teaching others is a very effective way to learn information.