

Social Studies Option

Yr 9 – Yr 11



What is Social Studies?

- **It's the study of the society we live in....**
- **The study of people, their behaviour and the world we live in.**

Why Choose Social Studies?

- To understand society;
- To understand and explain:
 - the world we live in and
 - how what's happening around us affects us
- To understand ourselves



Here are all the amazing ways learning Social Studies benefits students and society together:

- Citizen Responsibilities And Values
- Cultural Understanding
- Economic Education
- Critical Thinking
- Real-World Understanding
- Political Skills



Social Studies as an option subject

4 lessons a week

Small groups

Will prepare the students for the Social Studies SEC O-level

30% of which will be based on continuous class based assessments

70% of which will be a final written exam

At the end of the 3 year programme –

- Students demonstrate knowledge and understanding of contemporary social issues with particular reference to Maltese society
- comprehend how societies bond through interaction taking place between social institutions and members of a society
- evaluate social studies concepts, ideas, and principles as outlined in the syllabus and their application in everyday life
- interpret data, both textual and graphical by presenting logical arguments with the use of appropriate terminology
- acquire a deeper understanding of issues within a multicultural society.
- *SEC syllabus

Some topics discussed during option lessons

- Social groups
- Crime and Deviance
- Social institutions
- Mass media
- Work and the Economy
- Social Control

Some more topics discussed during option lessons





- ▶ Social Studies teaches you how to become a responsible citizen.
- ▶ It also helps in increasing a great number of skills like:
 - verbal communication
 - being able to work in a group
 - critical and analytical thinking
 - decision making
 - writing skills.

- Some careers which benefit from a background in Social Studies

- Social workers
- Psychologists
- Lawyers
- Counsellors
- Teachers
- Kindergarten assistants
- Caring professions
- Journalists
- Those working within the tourism sector
- Policemen/policewomen
- Public Relations Officers
- Sales persons