

## **Higher Modern Studies – Success Criteria**

### **Essays/ Skill Questions:**

- ✓ That I have full and clear notes on the topics studied (Crime, UK politics and an International Issue).
- ✓ That I can successfully introduce and conclude an essay.
- ✓ That I can use the appropriate structure to write the essay. i.e. PEEREEL
- ✓ To illustrate that I have an understanding of the topic in question and show that in the essay.
- ✓ That I am clear how to approach the 12 mark essay.
- ✓ That I am clear how to approach the 20 mark essay.

### **Informal Assessments:**

- ✓ Commitment and effort to meet deadlines.
- ✓ Areas of strength and areas for development as a result of Informal Assessments.
- ✓ Consistency shown in informal assessments.
- ✓ Structure of answers and examples used in written responses.

### **Assignment:**

- ✓ That I can clearly follow the success criteria for the assignment.
- ✓ Choose a suitable topic of research for the assignment.
- ✓ The appropriateness of sources used.
- ✓ Completion of source sheet.
- ✓ That I meet deadlines for submission of drafts.

### **Class/Homework:**

- ✓ That I have full and clear notes on all topics covered in the course.
- ✓ I will engage in learning and complete the activities asked of me to the best of my ability.
- ✓ That I meet deadlines for submission and complete outstanding classwork at home.
- ✓ That I respond positively to any advice on homework and try to improve this area.

## **What will be taken into consideration when deciding on a teacher-estimated grade for Higher Modern Studies?**

- Performance in the Formal Assessment.
- Performance in the informal assessments, which are ongoing throughout the year:
  - Assignment drafts.
  - Practice timed questions in class.
  - Practice knowledge and skills-based questions.
- The estimated grade for the assignment (based on drafts).
- Commitment and quality of classwork/homework.