

# CONTEMPORARY STUDIES

## Course introduction

In year 12 you will have the opportunity to complete the ASDAN Level 3 Wider Key Skills qualification through the work you already do in Contemporary Studies.

These key skills are: Improving own Learning and Working with Others. Each skill carries 20 UCAS points which means that once both have been completed, not only will you have a level 3 NOCN qualification but **you will also have 40 UCAS points** which can be used for entry into university. This is something Byron is uniquely able to offer alongside your other subject choices and is a great opportunity to enhance your university or career application. In year 13 we examine major issues caused by religion in society today, such as Muslim women who wear the veil and religious attitudes to war.



## Entrance requirements

This is a fully inclusive course.

## How the course is taught

1 period per week in year 12 and 1 period per week in year 13.  
There are no formal exams or course work for contemporary studies.

## How the course is assessed

### Asdan Year 12:

A portfolio of evidence including a review of learning for each key skill

### NOCN Year 13:

3 written assessments, learning logs and discussion

## Areas covered by the course

### Asdan Year 12:

#### Improving Own Learning and Performance

Presentation based upon research into the life of the Amish community.

#### Working with Others

Group activity e.g. raising money for charity

### NOCN Year 13 :

- Attitudes to religious dress in today's society.
- Comparing the attitudes of 3 different world religions to a moral issue e.g. abortion.
- Different Christian attitudes to modern warfare.

## Career opportunities

Both courses are recognized Level 3 qualifications. Year 12 key skills are recognized and valued by both employers and universities. Some of the issues in year 13 prepare you for life in contemporary society and certainly enhance your debating skills.

