

History



Why Study A Level History?

The study of History is attractive to students who are fascinated by the past. It provides a broad, satisfying course for students and enables them to develop through independent thought, enhance their analytical skills and learn how to interrogate historical evidence. Students will need an enquiring mind, be motivated and be able to enjoy reading, essay writing, and sharing ideas. A genuine interest in the subject is essential.

Course Content

A level consists of three units:

Unit 1 - Tsarist and Communist Russia, 1855-1964: This is a 'breadth' study; this topic explores how people became disillusioned with the monarchy; causes of reform and how this contributed to revolution. It addresses the rise and emergence of the Communist dictatorship, assessing the changing role of leaders such as Lenin, Stalin and Khrushchev and the changes that occurred to the political, economic and social conditions within the USSR.

Unit 2 - The Making of Modern Britain, 1951-2007: This option provides an in depth study of the key political, economic, social and international changes which helped mould Britain in the second half of the 20th century. It explores concepts such as government and opposition, class, social division and social change. It encourages students to reflect on Britain's changing place in the world as well as the interrelationship between political policies, economic developments and political survival.



Unit 3 - Historical Investigation coursework: This unit requires the student to complete and submit an independently researched investigation; students set, research, investigate and answer their own approved question, culminating in the completion of a 4000 word project.

Assessment

The course is assessed by one piece of written coursework and two exams taken at the end of two years of study.

Exam Board

AQA

Progression

Students will gain a thorough theoretical knowledge of the subject which will enable them to progress towards studying History at degree level. Alternatively, the study of History will enhance your academic profile and provide evidence of study skills and knowledge which will equip you with a sound basis upon which to study other subjects at degree level such as English and other Social Sciences. If you choose to progress to employment after completing you're a Levels, this qualification will show evidence of excellent research skills and an ability to understand complex theories and instructions.