

# Subject: History

## Level: A Level



### Course Outline

A new A Level was introduced in September 2015. The course is now a linear two year course with no option to take an AS Level exam at the end of the first year.

The course will consist of 4 units. It involves the study of British, European and World history spanning a period of 200 years.

### What will I learn on this course?

The course will enable you to:

- Develop your interest in and enthusiasm for history;
- Acquire and effectively communicate knowledge and understanding of periods of history;
- Explore the significance of events, individuals, issues and societies in history;
- Understand the nature of historical evidence and the methods used by historians in analysis and evaluation;
- Develop your understanding of how the past has been interpreted and represented.

### What will I learn on this course?

This course will appeal to students who:

- Have a genuine interest in reading;
- Enjoy participating in discussion, debate, expressing and justifying their opinions;
- Enjoy learning in a variety of active ways, including discussions, presentations, role plays and research as well as individual study and essay writing;
- Enjoy studying a subject which will increase their understanding of the world today;
- Want to keep their options open for further study – History is a well-regarded qualification for a wide range of courses in higher education and for future careers.

### Career Opportunities

You will find this course useful if you wish to follow a career in the following areas:

- Law;
- Teaching;
- Research;
- Advertising and the media;
- Accountancy.

### Course Structure

Paper 1 – 30% Exam Breadth Study.

Russia 1917-1991: Lenin to Yeltsin

Exam will consist of three different sections.

Section A – Depth Essay

Section B – Breadth Essay

Section C – Evaluation of historical interpretations

Paper 2 – 20% Exam Depth Study

The German Democratic Republic 1949-1990

Exam will consist of two different sections.

Section A – Evaluation of two historical sources

Section B – Depth Essay

Paper 3 – 30% Exam Breadth and Depth Study

The Tudors: Rebellion and disorder 1485-1603

Exam will consist of three different sections.

Section A – Evaluation of one source

Section B – Depth Essay

Section C – Breadth Essay

Paper 4 – 20% Historical Enquiry: Coursework

The question for the coursework will change year on year, but will focus on a topic already studied as part of the taught course

Unit consists of one question to be submitted by deadline date given at the beginning of the year. Students will be asked to carry out an historical enquiry, analysing and evaluating historical interpretations, and organising and communicating the findings.