

Subject: History

Level: A Level Exam Board: Edexcel



Course Outline

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.

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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 a 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.