

WHY CHOOSE HISTORY?

You should consider History at AS/A2 Level if you wish to develop your knowledge about the past and how it shapes the world you live in. History trains you to think about and analyse evidence, and to provide insightful arguments and explanations.

HOW USEFUL WILL IT BE?

As well as being a necessary requirement for History and History-related courses at degree level, this AS/A2 Level is a valuable and respected qualification for a wide range of Higher Education courses and careers in professions as diverse as Law, Personnel Management, Politics, Marketing, Journalism or the Civil Service. History is generally recognised as one of the most academic subjects on the curriculum and you will be viewed accordingly by potential employers.

WHAT WILL YOU NEED TO DO TO BE SUCCESSFUL?

To study this subject you will need a minimum of five GCSE subjects at Grade A*-C, including an A*-B grade at GCSE History, but exceptions can be made. Please speak to Mr Booth if you do not think you will attain the grade requirements. GCSE History Short Course students should look to attain an A*-B grade, but should also take time to speak to Mr Booth about this.

Specialist and advanced textbooks are used and students will be expected to read widely around the subject. You will also be expected to read the specialist journals and handouts provided by the department. We also recommend Internet websites for current research and for help with your presentations.

The course requires students to study, interpret and analyse a range of contemporary documents. Students should demonstrate the ability to make good use of factual knowledge and be able to assess different approaches and interpretations of the past. You will be encouraged to deliver your findings through seminars, presentations, debates and essays. There will also be the opportunity to attend specialist lectures.

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY ON THE COURSE IN YEAR 12 – THE AS LEVEL?

In Year 12 you will prepare for the AS Level examinations, studying two modules covering aspects of Totalitarianism in Stalin's Russia and Hitler's Germany as well as African-American Civil Rights in the USA in the second module.

HOW IS THE AS LEVEL ASSESSED?

Students are prepared for an assessment in each module, two written examination papers – one on the Totalitarian States and one on the USA. In both papers you will answer structured questions about the periods. Each paper is worth 50% of the AS Level.



WHAT WILL YOU STUDY ON THE COURSE IN YEAR 13 - THE A2 LEVEL?

In Year 13 students will prepare for the A2 Level, building upon the skills they have already learned at AS. They will extend their studies to cover Britain 1951-2007 and also to complete a Personal Study as Coursework, this should be related to the study of the UK 1830-1950. Students will be required to draw together their knowledge and skills in order to demonstrate overall understanding of the period.

HOW IS A2 LEVEL ASSESSED?

The AS assessments make up 50% of the total A Level marks. At A2 Level there is one written paper on Britain and then the Personal Study as Coursework. Students are required to submit a personal study of approximately 3,000 words. They may choose suitable titles for research related to the 100 Year Period covered in class time.

Together the study and the exam on Britain make up the A2 course and the other 50% of your A2 Level History result.

HOW MUCH TIME WILL YOU HAVE TO SPEND ON PRIVATE STUDY / RESEARCH?

AS Level: at least 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours per week

A2 Level: at least 5 hours per week



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