



A Level: History

Humanities

Course Facts & Figures at a glance...

Subject Leader
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Course Title
A-Level History
QAN Code
A Level: 601/4677/1

Awarding Body
Edexcel

Number of Units
2 per year

Unit Titles in Year 12
Papers 1 & 2 Nationalism, Dictatorship and Democracy in 20th Century Europe

Unit Titles in Year 13
Paper 3 Poverty, Public Health and the State in Britain c1780-1939

Coursework Unit

History involves the study of people and events that have shaped the world in which we live. It is a recognised academic subject for a wide range of degree courses and the skills it develops are usually highly regarded by employers. Skills will be developed in research, in debate and discussion, in analysis, and in coherent writing to present and argue points of view. A degree in History offers the prospect of a career in marketing, management, the media, accountancy, Law, teaching and many more.

Students of History will

- develop their interest in and enthusiasm for history and an understanding of its intrinsic value and significance

- acquire an understanding of different identities within society and an appreciation of social, cultural, religious and ethnic diversity through the study of aspects of British and European history
- improve as effective and independent learners and as critical and reflective thinkers with curious and enquiring minds

- develop the ability to ask relevant and significant questions about the past and to research them.

The new A level course is a very exciting change for our students. The pupils will be following the Edexcel A level History, and concentrating on Route G: Nationalism, Dictatorship and Democracy in 20th Century Europe. The content that will be covered in Year 12 focuses on Germany and West Germany, 1918–89; and The rise and fall of fascism in Italy, c1911–46. The course in Year 12 will prepare students for the exams at the end of Year 13 (Papers 1 and 2 – 30% and 20% of total grade respectively). Moving into Year 13 student will then undertake a further British depth study focusing on Poverty and Public Health in Britain which will provide

the grounding for the Paper 3 exam (30% of the total grade), and will also complete their coursework unit (20% of the total grade).

Students considering taking A Level History need to demonstrate a commitment to the subject and willingness to work hard, these features are as important as previous historical knowledge.

Students will be supported to develop skills in effective note-making and application of knowledge and understanding into exam answers, including essay writing. They will need to read from a wide range of books as well as the textbooks provided. Sources and Interpretations will be analysed in preparation for all examination papers.

Students will be encouraged to develop research skills using ICT and to present their findings individually and in group work. By studying History students will gain skills which are relevant both to higher education and the workplace. To enhance students' experience on the course we have also offered a wide range of opportunities to accompany foreign residential trips to further their knowledge and understanding. Students recently had the opportunity to visit Poland in April 2016, and future Humanities based fieldtrips are available to students on the History course as well.