

# HISTORY

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The study of History helps you to become aware of both continuity and change in the past as well as to gain a greater insight into how historical events and developments have shaped the world of the 21st century.

You will acquire and effectively communicate knowledge and understanding of selected periods of History, develop your understanding of historical terms and concepts and explore the significance of events, individuals, issues and societies in History.

## ASSESSMENT

Assessment is by examination and 2 pieces of coursework known as the historical enquiry.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no specific entry requirements and it is not necessary to have studied History at GCSE.

## LINKS WITH OTHER SUBJECTS

You will find that History can be successfully combined with any other subject.

## HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

History is highly regarded by both Universities and employers because of the skills of analysis and argument that it develops. It is an excellent qualification for careers in law, the media, marketing, the civil service, building restoration and museum work amongst many others. Apart from being useful, History is about real people and if you find them interesting you will enjoy studying this subject.

## COURSE CONTENT

There are four units in total: two AS Units and two A2 units.

### AS Units

#### Unit 1: Historical Themes In Breadth

Students will study two topics in order to gain a broad overview of a particular theme, and will assess the historical significance of events, ideas, attitudes and beliefs and how these influenced behaviour and action. These topics are: Stalin's Russia, 1924-1953 and Pursuing Life and Liberty: Equality in the USA, 1945-1968.

#### Unit 2: British History Depth Studies

Students will study a period of British History in order to develop an in-depth understanding of attitudes, beliefs and structures of society. The chosen topic is: British Political History, 1945-1990: Consensus and Conflict.

### A2 Units

#### Unit 3: Depth Studies And Associated Historical Controversies.

Students will undertake a depth study to explore the nature of challenges and conflict relating to societies in the period studied, and to explore an issue of historical debate. The chosen topic is: The Challenge of Fascism: From Kaiser to Fuhrer: Germany, 1900-1945.

#### Unit 4: Historical Enquiry

This unit is internally assessed and consists of two parts: In Part A students will complete an in-depth enquiry into the short term significance of a key event, individual, development or movement within the period of study.

In Part B students will frame their own question and will set their chosen event or individual in a broader context, exploring the process of change within the wider time frame. The topic chosen is: International Relations, 1879-1980.