

HISTORY

History continues to be a popular A-level choice at The Maynard. It appeals to those with a love of learning about the eras, individuals and issues that have shaped our modern world and our own identities within it. It is not only engaging and enjoyable but it is also recognised by the Russell Group as one of their key 'facilitating' subjects for accessing the top universities.

In choosing History you will be developing skills that are highly rated by universities and employers alike - above all, the skills of analysis, argument, self-discipline, empathy and intellectual independence. The course will also feature the important key skills of communication and information technology.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is by examination and one piece 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

History can be successfully combined with any other subject. Most recently History has been recognised as complimenting the Medical subjects as it pairs the intellectual rigour of a facilitating subject with the 'soft skills' that are increasingly sought after in successful Medical applicants.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

As a Russell Group 'facilitating' subject, History is highly regarded by both universities and employers. It is an excellent qualification for a wide variety of careers including Business, Advertising, Public Relations, Law, the Civil Service, Journalism and the Media, Accountancy, Insurance and Banking.

Apart from being useful, History at its core is about real people and gripping stories. If you have a love of these then you will love this choice.



COURSE CONTENT

Exam Board: Edexcel

There are four units in total: two units in Year 1 and two in Year 2

Year 1:

Paper 1: Historical Themes in Breadth and Associated Historical Controversies.

Students will study a broad period of modern history in order to develop a thematic understanding of the role of individuals, events, ideas, attitudes and beliefs and how these influenced behaviour and action over the period. Your chosen topic will be Germany and West Germany, 1918-1989.

Paper 2: Depth Study

Students will study a period of History in depth in order to develop an in-depth understanding of specific events, actions, attitudes and beliefs, their causes and their consequences for the wider nation. Your chosen topic will be The rise and fall of fascism in Italy, 1911-46.

Both papers will be examined at the end of Year 2

Year 2:

Paper 3: Themes in Breadth with Aspects in Depth

Students will undertake a study of at least 100 years of British History to explore the nature of challenges and conflict relating to society in the period studied. Your chosen topic will be 'Industrialisation and social change in Britain, 1759-1928'. Paper three is sat at the end of your two year course.

Unit 4: Historical Enquiry

This coursework unit is internally assessed and externally moderated at the end of your two year course. You will work with your tutor to undertake your own personal research and enquiry culminating in an assignment of between 3,000- 4,000 words. Your chosen topic will focus on the Sixties and ask: 'To what extent did Britain experience a social revolution in the 1960s?'