

History

Pathway 2

Course description:

A-Level History is a well respected qualification by both universities and employers. It encourages you to think analytically and critically about events in the past and helps us to understand the society and world in which we live today. You will study both key events in British and Russian history

Qualifications required:

- In line with the entry requirements for a Pathway 2 subject.
- Grade 5 and 6 in History and English Language. This combination of grades can be either way round.

Aims of the A Level course:

- Develop research skills and extended writing skills
- Develop analytical and critical thinking skills to help form justified arguments.
- Develop your source and evidence evaluation skills

Future prospects:

- You can progress to study History at university which can lead to a diverse range of careers including teaching, legal professions, the civil service and local government.
- You can progress to study other Humanities subjects e.g. International Development or Law. History provides the skills necessary to be successful in these subjects

Student feedback:

"A level History is very interesting and informative, taught in a fun and involving way."
"A level History is challenging, but it is good to push myself out of my comfort zone"

Subject Teachers:

Mrs Hughes (Head of History), Mr Benjamin, Mr Shetcliffe and Ms Bishop

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Features of the course:

- Tsarist Russia
- Russia in Revolution
- Stalin's Russia
- The role of Britain in the world 1951-2007
- The economic policies of Britain 1951-2007
- The social changes within Britain 1951-2007
- The changing nature of warfare from Napoleon to the First World War

A2 Level Units

Component 1H Tsarist and Communist Russia 1855-1964

You will study how Russia was governed and developed from 1855-1917. You will consider how and why opposition developed during this time, and the extent of social and political change. You will also study how the USSR changed once it had become Communist. You will consider the changes made by both Lenin and Stalin, and the success of these regimes. (40% of total A Level mark).

Component 2S The Making of Modern Britain 1951-2007

In this unit you will explore the reasons for a post war political consensus, and the role of politicians such as Churchill, Eden, Macmillan and Home. You will also discover the economic developments from 1951-79, and the role Britain played in the world at this time. You will also study Britain's most recent history by considering the impact of Thatcher's governments. You will also study the social and economic changes made within Britain from 1979-2007. (40% of total A Level mark)

Component 3 The Changing Nature of Warfare c1800 - 1918

You will have a short introductory taught session to this topic. You will then complete an in-depth enquiry into how and why warfare has changed since the rise to power of Napoleon until World War One. This will be internally assessed and externally moderated. (This unit will form 20% of the total A Level marks).

Methods of Assessment:

In year 13, an exam in both Component 1 and 2 will be taken. Component 3 will be an extended essay which will be marked internally.