

The History GCSE aims to make citizens of the world of its students, covering as it does the most tumultuous events of the Twentieth Century. Through examining the rise of Russian Communism, the struggle for racial and gender equality in America, as well as an examination of social change that occurred in Britain in the 1960's. The course gives students an understanding of the world they live in through an exploration of the ideological struggles of the last century.

What will my child learn?

In the History Department we aim to develop students' ability to think independently, analytically and enter the wider world with a critical eye as well as with a greater understanding of the world around them.

Throughout the course they will unravel historical events to develop an understanding of significant historical moments in the modern period.

For example:

- What events could possibly lead to the murder of a royal family?
- How did the former allies, the USA and the Soviet Union, come to the brink of nuclear war?
- Why did Black Power emerge?

Unit 1: Peace & War: International Relations

The Cold War 1943-1991

Unit 2: Modern World Depth Study

Russia 1917-39

Unit 3: Modern World Source Enquiry

The transformation of British Society 1951-79

Unit 4: Representation of History: Controlled assessment

American Civil Rights Movement

How will my child's work be assessed?

25% will be internally assessed and externally moderated: Controlled Assessment

75% will be externally assessed via examinations at the end of Year 11

How many lessons will my child have each week?

5 lessons a fortnight.

Extra-Curricular opportunities

- Classical Civilisation GCSE for selected students (part of the extended services programme)
- Debating

What Sixth Form options does this course lend itself to?

History develops skills of analysis, communication and critical thinking so therefore lends itself to many options in the Sixth Form. It is a highly regarded academic subject which allows the students to progress into further education into any field, whether arts based or scientific.

Examination information:

Each exam is 1 hour and 15 minutes long.

Unit 1 & 2 are knowledge-based papers and Unit 3 is an evidence-based paper.

Key Stage 4			
YG	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term

Year 10	Students look at the Russian Revolution and the emergence of Stalin's Dictatorship in Russia.	Students look at the development of the Cold War, its key crises and the process by which it ended.	Students begin to look at the experience of civil rights protests groups in the USA.
Year 11	Students prepare for and take a controlled assessment focussed on protests groups in the USA	Students look at the changing nature of British society between 1945 and 1979.	Students revise for and take their GCSEs.