

# History

## What will I need before taking this course?

A Grade 6 or above in GCSE History and a Grade 6 or above in GCSE English Language.

## Assessment and Grading

The new A level course is linear and exams are taken only at the end of Year 13. There will be no AS component but there will be mock exams and practice questions in Year 12.

The A level consists of three examined units taken at the end of Year 13.

**Unit 1** consists of a 2hr 15 minutes exam and is worth 30% of the qualification.

**Unit 2** consists of a 1hr 30 minutes exam and is worth 20% of the qualification.

**Unit 3** is once again a 2hr 15 minutes exam which is worth 30% of the A level.

There is additionally a coursework unit **Unit 4** worth 20% of the overall A level grade.

All four units will be taught across Years 12 and 13.

## How will I learn?

Typical lessons may involve:

- Discussion
- Debate/Argument
- Investigating controversy
- Group-work
- Making notes
- Looking at sources
- Empathy / Role-Play
- Presentations

## What can I do at the end of the course?

- It helps us understand the world in which we live.
- It develops skills of understanding, analysis, comprehension, synthesis and presentation and it is a well respected academic subject.
- It is a good launching point for reading Humanities, Arts and Law degrees at university.
- It is useful for a career in Law, Journalism, Leisure & Tourism, Administration, Research, Teaching, Media, the Civil Service, Local Government and elsewhere.

## What will I learn?

Across your A level studies you will study a 200 year period of British, European and World History.

- Year 12 & 13 (A level) - Paper 1 – 1H: Britain transformed 1918-97 (30%) Unit 1 is a breadth study assessed by two extended writing essays which test breadth of understanding, as well as a compulsory source question.
- Year 12 & 13 (A level) - Paper 2 – 2H.1: The USA c1920-55: Boom, Bust and Recovery (20%) Unit 2 is a depth study and comprises of a two part source based question and an essay question.
- Year 12 & 13 (A level) - Paper 3 – 36.2: Ireland and the Union c1774-1923 (Depth & Breadth study). (30%) Unit 3 is an examined unit which comprises of a source based question, an essay assessing understanding of the period in breadth and an essay assessing understanding of the period in depth.
- Year 12 & 13 (A level) - Paper 4 coursework task.

AWARDING BODY	Edexcel
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