



A LEVEL HISTORY

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

The entry requirements for this course are 5 GCSE's including grade 6s in English Language and History

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?

This course is for you if you are interested in the study of the past. It examines the political, economic, social and cultural issues of different era and cultures. At its most ambitious, the subject is the study of everything. This course is also for you want to know how and why the world came to be as it is today. History asks 'how did things get to be this way?' This course focuses on elements of British, Russian and European history.

WHERE WILL THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

History students can go on to specialise in a particular area of History in Higher Education, such as European, Modern or Ancient History. The skills learnt will stand you in good stead for other rewarding careers such as in law (historical skills gained at A level are vital for this), teaching, banking and finance, journalism and Archaeology. Some world leaders such as former Prime Minister Gordon Brown have history degrees, so the world can be your oyster!

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

1H Tsarist and Communist Russia, 1855–1964
This option allows students to study in breadth issues of change, continuity, cause and consequence in this period through the following key questions:

- How was Russia governed and how did political authority change and develop?
- Why did opposition develop and how effective was it?
- How and with what results did the economy develop and change?
- What was the extent of social and cultural change?
- How important were ideas and ideology?
- How important was the role of individuals and groups and how were they affected by developments?

Year 1 –

Autocracy, Reform and Revolution: Russia, 1855–1917
Trying to preserve autocracy, 1855–1894
The collapse of autocracy, 1894–1917

Year 2 –

The Soviet Union, 1917–1964
The emergence of Communist dictatorship, 1917–1941
The Stalinist dictatorship and reaction, 1941–1964

2S The Making of Modern Britain, 1951–2007

This option provides for the study in depth of the key political, economic, social and international changes which helped to mould Britain in the second half of the 20th century. It explores concepts such as government and opposition, class, social division and cultural change. It encourages students to reflect on Britain's changing place in the world as well as the interrelationship between political policies, economic developments and political survival.

Year 1 –

Building a new Britain, 1951–1979
The Affluent Society, 1951–1964
The Sixties, 1964–1970
The end of Post-War Consensus, 1970–1979

Year 2 –

Modern Britain, 1979–2007
The impact of Thatcherism, 1979–1987
Towards a new Consensus, 1987–1997
The Era of New Labour, 1997–2007

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

A total of two papers which are 2.5 hours long.
A written piece of coursework which is between 3500 – 4500 words



FURTHER INFORMATION

See Mr Swan