

A-LEVEL HISTORY

INTRODUCTION

In an age dominated by science and technology History still remains a popular subject for students. Part of the reasoning lies in the fact that it offers an experience of the 'other' i.e. you can go to another time and be somewhere else, someone else.

But History is also a very challenging subject that helps us to give meaning to our complex world. You cannot hope to understand the world's problems without tracing their historical roots- A-level History offers you an opportunity to do so.

PROGRAMME OF STUDY

This course is designed to:

- develop and apply knowledge of the past;
- develop and apply understanding of historical concepts;
- develop critical thinking;
- develop the ability to communicate historical arguments.

YEAR 1 AS

Unit 1: British Period Study: Pitt to Peel, 1783-1846 (1 hour 30 mins exam)

Unit 2: European Document Study: Dictatorship and Democracy in Germany, 1933- 1963 (1 hour 30 mins exam)

YEAR 2 A2

Unit 3: Themes in History: Russia and its Rulers, 1855-1964 (2 hour exam)

Unit 4: Historical Interpretations and Investigations: America and the Vietnam War. (2 coursework assignments totalling 4000 words.)

The Department is well-stocked with specialist books, magazines and DVDs. Students will be set a wide variety of tasks from case studies to presentations. Where the opportunities arise, we also offer extra-curricular learning activities. In the past this has included student conferences and workshops, and involvement in the 'Lessons from Auschwitz Project'.

CURRENT Y13 COMMENT ON STUDYING HISTORY

"History is one of the most rewarding and insightful subjects."

"It gives an insight into other cultures and types of leadership."

"History- the more you study it, the better this subject gets!"

"It helps you to develop essay and debating skills which are useful in potentially every subject."

"I love history and admire my teachers."

OPPORTUNITIES

Contrary to popular opinion, History teaching is not the only career you can use History for. History can equip you with the skills most employers or places of further education want and value- whatever you have in mind.

Its investigative and analytical skills can be translated to virtually any employment field e.g. the legal profession, the police force, accountancy, the civil service, publishing etc.

At further education level History can be studied as a straight degree or in a number of combinations. Many of our students go on to study History alongside politics and economics.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Although this course builds on the skills and understanding acquired at GCSE, it is not obligatory to have studied History at GCSE, however, if studied, a grade C is required.

For further information contact Miss C Desborough