

A LEVEL HISTORY

INTRODUCTION

It seems remarkable in an age dominated by science and technology that History remains such a popular subject at school level. Part of the answer 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 e.g. Northern Ireland, Afghanistan, the Middle East, etc. A-level History offers you an opportunity to do so.

FORECAST PROGRAMME OF STUDY

YEAR 1 AS

Unit 1: Period Study (1 hour 30 mins exam)

Unit 2: Document Study (1 hour 30 mins exam)

Topics studied at present include:

- The Age of Peel 1828-46
- Fascist Italy
- Nazi Germany

YEAR 2 A2

Unit 3: Themes in History (2 hour exam)

Unit 4: Personal Investigation (Coursework consisting of 2 assignments totalling 4000 words)

Topics studied at present include:

- Russia 1855-1956

The Department is well-stocked with specialist books and magazines as well as DVDs. Students will be set a wide variety of tasks from case studies to compiling their own magazine. We also attend

appropriate lectures and go to the Premier Student History Conferences in London each year.

"I am enjoying A-level History. I find it interesting and challenging."

"I find History an exceptionally interesting subject."

"I have found many connections between what we are studying and the world today. I think I know much more than the average citizen now."

OPPORTUNITIES

Contrary to popular opinion, History teaching is not the only career you can use History for. 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. Not forgetting, of course, archaeology.

At further education level History can be studied as a straight degree or in a number of combinations. In fact, very many university courses have a History component.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

It is not obligatory to have studied History at GCSE however, it is an essay-based subject and so a C or above in English would be advantageous.

For further information see Miss C Desborough