



HISTORY

DETAILS OF COURSE:

The units cover a broad range of History, from medieval to modern. The examinations are offered by OCR in June of Year 12 [AS] & June of Year 13 [A-Level].

YEAR 12:

During Year 12, students study:

1. Britain 1930-1997 (including a depth study on Winston Churchill)

This is a British period study in which candidates interpret and evaluate source material on Britain 1930-1997.

2. The American Revolution 1740-1796

This is a non-British period study where candidates interpret and analyse historical arguments on the American Revolution.

YEAR 13:

During Year 13 students study two new units. At the end of the year they are also assessed on the AS topics again (with different exam questions). This culminates in the award of the full A Level.

3. Civil Rights in the USA 1865-1992

This is a thematic study in which candidates develop an understanding of continuity and change over an extended period in the USA.

4. Independent Study (coursework)

This is a 3000-4000-word topic based essay providing an opportunity for independent historical research with the support and guidance of the History Department.

QUALITIES AND COMMITMENT EXPECTED FROM THE STUDENT:

The course requires skills that are essential to both group and individual work. Students will be required to construct a reasoned argument, listen to and assess the opinions of other people, and examine critically a wide range of primary sources. As part of the course students will be expected to undertake a piece of individual research.

ASSESSMENT:

A-Level History has four components to the course, and students accumulate credits which make up the final grade.

The main aim is to stimulate an interest in the study of History. The objectives of the specifications are to deploy knowledge, evaluate a range of evidence and communicate an analysis of arguments.

THE FUTURE:

History is a valued academic qualification accepted by all universities and employers. Many of our students have gone on to study the subject at degree level. History often leads to careers in law, journalism, media, education, civil service, advertising and management. Indeed any career that values independent thinking, values History qualifications.