History

COURSE OVERVIEW

At A-Level, our history students focus on the theme of Democracies in Change, encompassing modern and early modern History.

The course is as follows:

- **Unit 1 – Britain Transformed: c.1918-97**
- **Unit 2 – Boom, Bust and Recovery: The USA c.1920-55**
- **Unit 3 – Rebellion and disorder under the Tudors: 1485-1603**
- Revision & exam practice

Students will also complete coursework in Year 13.

KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS DEVELOPED

Develop an interest in, and enthusiasm for, history as well as an understanding of its intrinsic value and significance. Also, acquire an understanding of different identities within society and an appreciation of aspects such as social, cultural, religious and ethnic diversity.

Students develop their critical thinking and ability to evaluate both primary and secondary sources. Throughout the course, our students also develop their research methods, in turn supporting their communicative skills, particularly with effective substantiation of claims and judgements. History students particularly benefit from the ability to assess historical interpretations before drawing their own conclusions.

Qualification: **A-Level**

Awarding Body: **Pearson Edexcel**

ASSESSMENT METHOD

Three written examinations, weighted as follows:

Paper One – 30%
Paper Two – 20%
Paper Three – 30%

Students also complete coursework on a chosen topic, which is worth 20% of the qualification.

OPPORTUNITIES AND CAREERS

History A-Level is excellent preparation for University studies but also other subjects including Law, English, Politics and Journalism.

The personal skills that studying History develops are highly valued by employers in Education, Business, the Civil Service, Journalism, Marketing, Publishing, Public Relations.

"Studying history is really interesting as it allows you to develop analytical and critical thinking. It is fascinating to delve into a completely different time period and understand why things are the way they are. "