



History

Specification: OCR
Subject Lead: Mrs Upton

ENTRY REQUIREMENT

GCSE Grade 6 or above in History or 6 or above in English Language (if History not taken).

INTRODUCTION

It is not necessary to have studied History at GCSE in order to start the A level course in History. Many of the topics covered in 6th Form History will be new to most students. It is more important that you have an enquiring mind, an interest in the past and its relevance to current affairs, and an ability to communicate your ideas effectively. The course tries to give the student a taste of both Early Modern and Modern History to provide contrasts and cater for a variety of interests.

COURSE CONTENT

Year 12 modules

British period study and Enquiry: England 1485–1558: The Early Tudors.

This module will cover the reigns of Henry VII to Mary 1st. It will focus on the key events of each monarch's reign while also examining the overall stability of the monarchy, the religious changes introduced and what rebellion and unrest existed during this period.

Non-British period study: The French Revolution and the rule of Napoleon 1774–1815.

This module will cover the causes of the French revolution and the different types of government that existed after the Bourbon monarchy was overthrown. The module will also focus on the rise of Napoleon and how he took and then lost control of France.

Year 13 modules

Thematic study and historical interpretations: Russia and its Rulers 1855–1964

This module is a thematic study of a period of at least 100 years. It focuses on the nature of Russian government and its impact on the Russian people and society. Students will be taught the similarities and differences between the autocratic rule of the Tsars to 1917 and the subsequent Communist dictatorship until Khrushchev's fall in 1964.

Non exam assessment:

The Y100 Topic based essay is an independently researched essay of 3000–4000 words in length. It can be on any time period or event that the student wants to research. The work will be marked by the school and moderated by OCR.

ASSESSMENT

The A level course has 3 exams which will all be taken in Summer 2019 and 1 coursework module.

- England 1485–1558: The Early Tudors = **25%**
- The French Revolution and the rule of Napoleon 1774–1815 = **15%**
 - Russia and its rulers 1855–1964 = **40%**
 - Coursework module = **20%**

VISITS/COSTS

Textbooks for all 3 courses. These books cost roughly £15 each.