

History

Specification: Edexcel
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

Paper 1: Britain Transformed 1918 – 1997

This module explores the extent to which Britain was transformed politically, socially, economically and culturally in the years 1918–97. Students will examine social and political changes as well as the rise of popular culture and the changing role of women. This topic includes a depth study on the impact of Thatcher's policies.

Paper 2: The USA 1920 - 1955, boom, bust and recovery

This module examines in depth the economic and social change in the USA from the post-war boom of the 1920s, through depression, recovery and war, to the transformation of many aspects of US society in the years immediately after 1945. Students will gain an detailed understanding of economic change and its long-term effects, the growing demands by black Americans for social equality, and the cultural changes driven by individuals and by technological change.

Year 13 modules

Paper 3: Rebellion and disorder under the Tudors, 1485 – 1603

This module explores the nature of rebellion and disorder under the Tudors and the way the various challenges were met, the nature of change in government over the period and the changing relationship between the Crown and key sections of society. The option enables students to explore the way in which, despite a shaky start, the Tudors were able to establish their dynasty as one of the most powerful England has seen.

Non exam assessment:

An independently researched essay of 3000–4000 words in length. The purpose of this coursework is to enable students to develop skills in the analysis and evaluation of interpretations of history in a chosen question, problem or issue. The coursework will be marked in school, and moderated by Edexcel.

ASSESSMENT

The A level course has three exams, which will all be taken in Summer 2024, and one coursework module.

- Britain Transformed, 1918 - 1997 = **30%**
- The USA 1920 - 1955, boom, bust and recovery = **20%**
- Rebellion and disorder under the Tudors, 1485 - 1603 = **30%**
 - Coursework module = **20%**

VISITS/COSTS

Textbooks for all 3 modules. These books cost roughly £20 each.