

HISTORY

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COURSE LEVEL 3 | A Level

WHAT IS HISTORY?

“The only thing new in the world is the history you do not know.”

— Harry S. Truman

Edmund Burke said that “those who do not know history are doomed to repeat it”, and there is no denying that, for better or worse, the history of the last 250 years in Britain and the USA has shaped the world in which we live. More so than any other subject, History makes you consider the causes and consequences of key events, the chronology of our world and the significance of the people that have constructed it. Needless to say, History is about a whole lot more than just sources and dates.

COURSE FOLLOWED

[Edexcel History \(9H10\)](#)

Unit 1H: Britain transformed 1919-1997.

Unit 2H: The USA c.1920 – 1955: boom, bust and recovery.

Unit 3H: The British experience of warfare, c.1790-1918.

Unit 4: Independent Study Coursework – The Cold War.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

Units 1 and 2 are assessed at the end of Year 12 in external examinations for the AS qualification. Units 1 – 3 are then assessed in Year 13 as external examinations for the A Level qualification. Unit 4 is an internally assessed and externally moderated piece of coursework in Year 13. This then leads to an A Level qualification.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students must achieve at least a grade 6 in GCSE History and grade 5 in English.

FUTURE PROSPECTS

Career prospects are very strong with a good History A Level qualification, be that in enabling places at the best universities, or leading to good employment opportunities in higher-level apprenticeships and the like after A Levels. The Russell Group of Universities recommend History as one of the top 8 ‘facilitating’ subjects for University study. History students go onto a wide range of careers, from law and politics, to journalism, to working in education and being an author. History prepares you for careers and university alike; it teaches you to be analytical, make judgements and gives you great scope to learn to be truly independent learners.

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