

## Sixth Form Courses

### History A2 Level

#### **Why take this subject?**

Not only does History give you the opportunity to study the great and significant events from the past, it also provides you with a number of invaluable skills. By studying A-level History it improves your literacy, research and communication skills, all of which are vital in the work place or in further education.

#### **What do I need to have studied at GCSE?**

- You must have at least 5 GCSEs at grades 9-5 including English and Maths
- At least a Grade 7 in GCSE History, students who have not taken History will be considered depending on their English and Citizenship result

#### **What will we study?**

We will be following the History A OCR specification. This specification offers a broad and varied course, allowing students to learn about countries and individuals who have shaped the world we live in today.

Students will study topics covering both World and British History, covering a hectic and fascinating period of change across a 200 year time span.

In Year 12 students will study 3 units, which are Britain 1930-1997, The American Revolution and Civil Rights in America 1865-1992.

The Britain unit focuses on evaluating the views and leadership of Winston Churchill, and examining the impact of political governments of post-war Britain. Whilst studying the American Revolution students will assess the reasons for the war as well as its impact, and students will examine themes and changes through history in the Civil Rights unit. In addition, students will also undertake an individual study, writing an extended essay on a topic of their choice in Year 13.

#### **How will I be examined?**

There will be 3 exams at the end of Year 13, comprising 80% of the course, as well as an individual essay worth 20% of the overall grade.

#### **What super curricular opportunities will be available to me?**

A-level History students have been given the opportunity to go to New York, Athens and Rome. They have also been able to travel to Poland to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau and London to visit the Cabinet War Rooms.

#### **What can this subject lead to?**

The course will develop students' skills in investigation, analysis and communication giving them a good understanding of economic, social and political change. Our aim is to prepare them for a wide range of university courses from Media through to Law, Politics, History, English, Economics and Business.

Students will receive a firm grounding for professional careers and by the end of the course they should be well equipped to lead a revolution, plunge the planet into chaos and even to understand the world around them!