

HISTORY



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Examination Board: WJEC (Specification A)



Course Outline

Students will study aspects of Nineteenth Century British history together with Twentieth Century European history.

Entry Requirements

Students should have a love of history and a desire to delve into the past. Students who enjoy current affairs and students who want to discover exactly what shaped the world that we now live in will be welcome in history. Having studied history at GCSE would be a distinct advantage but an open and enquiring mind together with a solid work ethic is far more important.

What Will I Study?

AS LEVEL

UNIT 1: EUROPE IN AN AGE OF CONFLICT AND CO-OPERATION c1890-1991

In this unit students will study the causes of World War One together with the post-war peace treaties and reconstruction. There will also be an opportunity to study the rise of Fascism in both Italy under Mussolini and Germany under Hitler. Students will also study the dictatorships in both countries until the end of World War Two in 1945.

Students will complete their year of study with the division of Europe after the war and the development of the Cold War until the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989.

Assessment: Written Paper 1 hour 30 minutes
20% of qualification

UNIT 2: REFORM AND PROTEST IN WALES AND ENGLAND c1783-1848

Students will look at the reaction in Britain to the French Revolution. They will study various protests including Luddism, The Peterloo Massacre and the Merthyr Rising. They will judge how close Britain came to a revolution before the Great Reform Act was passed in 1832.

Assessment: Written paper 1 hour 45 minutes
20% of qualification

What Teaching Methods Will Be Used?

You will experience a variety of methods. You will be encouraged to think analytically and extend your knowledge and understanding by reading around the topics. Lessons with discussion and debate are the norm with plenty of active learning.

A2 LEVEL

UNIT 3: CHANGING LEADERSHIP AND SOCIETY IN GERMANY c1871-1989

Students will start with the birth of Germany as a country in 1871 and end with the reunification of the country following the collapse of communism in 1989.

Assessment: Written examination 1 hour 45 minutes
20% of qualification

UNIT 4

Students will build on their Year 12 study by looking at the living and working conditions of the working class and the reforms passed to help them. They will study the life of John Frost and the attempted revolution in Newport in 1839.



Assessment: Written examination 1 hour 45 minutes
20% of qualification

UNIT 5

This module involves the completion of coursework to answer a significant question of history during this time period.

Assessment: Coursework
20% of qualification

How Will I Be Assessed?

The new A Level specifications keep the traditional historical skills of essay writing and working with sources, but History is also important for the delivery of communication, IT and research skills. Students will be expected to enter into discussion and debate. They will be expected to develop, support and evaluate oral as well as written arguments. They will use a range of primary sources including film and newspapers to develop awareness of the range of interpretations of the past (Units 1 and 2 are assessed by examination in Year 12. Unit 4 is assessed by examination in Year 13 and Unit 3 is the coursework component completed in Year 13.

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Career Opportunities And Progression

AS Level

What can I do when I have my qualification?

History teaches you to think and organise information in a combination of ways not found in other subjects; using evidence to back up an argument, detecting bias and communicating in a concise and relevant style. Many careers welcome the trained minds of historians. You will also have learned a variety of transferable skills throughout your course, which include:

Developing written and oral communication skills

Problem solving skills

Analysing evidence

Successful completion will also allow you to proceed to a full A Level in Year 13.

A2 LEVEL

What can I do with my qualification?

History can be studied at most universities, either as a simple subject or as part of a combination with, for example, Economics, Politics, English or a Foreign Language. For certain subjects such as Law, Archaeology and Journalism, History may be a requirement. History is also useful for training for careers in Publishing, Journalism, the Media, the Civil Service, Politics, Industry and Commerce.