

A Level: History

Specification: OCR



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Sixth Form
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Do you have an interest in the world we live in, different people, cultures and ways of life? Do you sometimes wonder why people are fighting about age-old struggles or arguing about the past? Do you ever think about why our society is like it is today? If so read on.....

"In depth teaching with great interactions between students and teachers" Y12 student

Subject Content

History is stimulating, challenging, amusing and rewarding. It can totally change your view of the world.

In our course we journey back from the present to explore the rich tapestry of the past. Although we can hardly scratch the surface of the vast expanse of time itself, we zoom in on sixteenth century England to look at dynastic struggles in the Early Tudor period, before focusing on the twentieth century to consider the radical changes in Revolutionary Russia and post-war USA. We also investigate the rise and decline of witchcraft during the 16th and 17th centuries and how far it emerged out of the popular culture of the time. By looking in depth, we illuminate wider historical themes and equip ourselves with the skills to see patterns in any period of the past.

Exam Assessment

Year 12

England 1485-1558: The Early Tudors (written exam 1 hour 30 minutes, 25% of A-Level)

Russia, 1894-1941 (written exam 1 hour, 15% of A-Level)

Year 13

Civil Rights in the USA, 1865-1992 (written exam, 2 hours 30 minutes, 40% of A-Level)

Popular Culture and the Witchcraze of the 16th and 17th Centuries (coursework, 3,000-4,000 words, 20% of A-Level)

Enrichment

Year 12 trip to Hampton Court (non-compulsory).

History Society – led by Year 12 and Year 13 students.

Students are expected to buy their own textbooks.

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