

# History

A level History is an exciting, challenging and interesting subject to study. It is a subject that will enable you to not only explore the past and it's impact on our world today, but also give you opportunities to develop skills in communication and analysis of information, both of which are key skills in today's workplace. You will study a range of societies, ideologies, people, events and places throughout the course, which will give you a wide range of historical knowledge and skills. A level History is a highly regarded subject by all universities and employers, you will be looked favorably upon by them if you have studied it.

## Student Profile

A successful candidate will need:

Grade 6 in GCSE History and English.

An interest in History and studying the past.

The ability to listen and act upon constructive advice.

The ability to write extended essays and pieces of writing.

To be determined, self-motivated and prepared to work hard.

To work well independently and as part of a small group.

## Course Content (EDEXCEL)

The theme of year 12 will be, 'Communist states in the twentieth century' and will focus on the following;

- Russia, 1917–91: from Lenin to Yeltsin, and
- Mao's China, 1949–76.

Year 13 will focus on British History and American History;

- Protest, agitation and parliamentary reform in Britain, c1780–1928, and
- 4,000 word coursework essay on the American Civil Rights Movement.

## Skills Gained

History places particular stress on the development of independent thought and analytical skills, and requires excellent communication skills, namely high levels of literacy and oral presentation. Consequently, students taking history will be expected to do a great deal of independent work and independent thinking, as well as a good deal of reading and writing. You have to present the results of research both in independent work and in the context of group discussions.

## The Future - What Next?

Historians are trained in clear thinking and the ability to understand people and situations in the world at large. Employers are well aware of the versatility of Historians and the range of skills which they develop as part of their studies. Careers in accountancy, banking, the law, publishing, teaching, museums and galleries are all popular with History students. The ability to effectively communicate also makes Historians popular candidates in the business and marketing world.



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