

# AS/A2 HISTORY

## Entry requirements:

History GCSE Grade C or above if studied at GCSE. If not, students can still do A Level History if they have obtained Grade C or above in five subjects at GCSE, including English Language

## Examination board:

Edexcel

## Teachers:

P Sharpe, Z Noakhes, A McAuley, C Jepson, H Grewal

## Timetable organisation

Five lessons per week, shared between two teachers

## Main Syllabus areas

Please note that this is provisional at the moment as there will be a new specification to be taught starting in September 2008.

The Units will focus on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century British, European and American History. The programme will be similar to the one below.

### AS Year 12

The focus is on aspects of British and American History. You will study two units:

#### 1) Twentieth Century Post-War US History

Two topics will be studied:

#### Pursuing Life and Liberty: Equality in the USA, 1945-68

The emphasis is on the Civil Rights movement for black Americans and other ethnic groups like the native Americans. It includes a study of the role of individuals like Martin Luther King and Malcolm X.

#### Ideology, Conflict and Retreat: the USA in Asia, 1950-73

The study is on US foreign policy in Asia, with special emphasis on the wars in Korea and Vietnam.

#### 2) The Experience of Warfare in Britain: Crimea, Boer and World War 1, 1854-1929

The study of the impact of these wars on the public attitudes, medicine and social change in Britain, including the experience of war on the Western Front in World War One.

## Main Syllabus area (cont..)

### A2 Year 13

The focus is on the History of Europe of the Dictators. You will study two units:

#### 3) From Kaiser to Führer: Germany, 1900-45

The study of the last years of the Kaiser's rule, the democratic experiment of the Weimar Republic, the Rise of Hitler and Life in Wartime Germany under the Nazis. A key element relates to the evaluation of interpretations on two historical controversies: Germany's responsibility for World War One and the popularity of the Nazis, 1933-39.

#### 4) The Making of Modern Russia, 1856-1964 (Coursework)

Students do 2 assignments on key aspects of change in Russia over 100 years.

## Method of assessment

AS Unit 1 is assessed in January of Y12 and Unit 2 at the end of Y12

A2 Unit 3 is examined at the end of Y13 and Unit 4 is examined by coursework.

## Qualities required

A genuine love of History, an enquiring mind and good literacy skills.

## Links with other subjects

History combines well with any subject, but especially English, Economics, Geography, Politics, Sociology and Languages. It can also be studied with Mathematics and Science subjects.

## Career prospects

History is a good foundation subject for many degree courses across a wide range of subjects including Law, Business Studies, Economics, Social Policy, Philosophy, Social Sciences and Educational Studies. A History degree is good preparation for a wide range of occupations for example journalism, marketing, personnel, public service, law, advertising, insurance, teaching or museum work.

## Extension and enrichment opportunities

University master classes  
Trip to Berlin