HISTORY

SIXTH FORM

COURSE TITLE

A Level History

Exam Board: Edexcel

AIMS OF THE COURSE

The course aims to establish a breadth of knowledge across a range of periods, to develop the necessary skills and understanding which will be needed by students planning to progress to undergraduate study at a UK higher education establishment, particularly (although not only) in the same subject area.

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY?

You will learn the fundamentals of the subject and develop the key knowledge, skills and experience needed for History. Throughout the course, you will study a range of topics and the key research related to them including:

In search of the American Dream: investigating political, economic and social change in 20th century.

India; the road to independence: investigating the role of various individuals and events.

Lancastrian, Yorkists and Henry VII: focusing on key events and themes of the Wars of the Roses.

Coursework: an independent study using interpretations, culminating in an extended essay.

HOW WILL YOU BE ASSESSED?

There are three externally set and assessed exams for A Level History and one piece of coursework (3000 word essay). It is a linear course and so all exams are at the end of the two years of study.

WHAT WIDER SKILLS WILL YOU DEVELOP?

Presentation and extended writing skills. Critical thinking and reviewing evidence skills. Evaluative and interpretational skills.

WHAT ARE THE FUTURE OPTIONS FROM THE COURSE?

There are a wide range of History degrees that can be pursued at university.

The A level is also directly applicable to courses such as Law, Economics and Journalism. It can also lead onto a variety of careers. It is directly applicable for museum curation and teaching or a wider set of careers that would benefit from the skills it develops such as Journalism, Politics and Broadcasting.