

HISTORY

COURSE OUTLINE:

Exam Board: EdExcel

History is the study of what has happened in the past.

This advanced level course offers the opportunity to study historical sources and interpret their meaning yourself.

The course leads to a full advanced level qualification in History, and will be awarded by the Edexcel Examination Board. There are four separate units. Three of the units are assessed through examinations assessed externally. The fourth unit is internally assessed under and is worth 20% of the overall A- Level.

The current module topics are:

- 1) Paper 1: Breadth study with interpretations - 30% of the course - Germany and West Germany, 1918–89
- 2) Paper 2: Depth study – 20% of the course - The rise and fall of fascism in Italy, c1911–46
- 3) Paper 3: Themes in breadth with aspects in depth – 30% of the course Poverty, public health and the state in Britain, c1780–1939
- 4) Students carry out an independently-researched enquiry to analyse and evaluate a question, problem or issue that has generated disagreement among historians – 20% of the course

SKILLS REQUIRED:

Students will be required to undertake extended writing and essays in all units, in order to present historical explanations, assess the significance of events, individuals, beliefs and movements, and to reach substantiated judgements.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

The History A Level is recognised to give students a vast range of analytical, evaluation and communication skills so will be incredibly useful for those considering most University courses. A History A Level is often a prerequisite to study History based degrees and is looked upon favourably by other areas such as Politics, Law and Sociology. The transferable skills acquired by completing a History qualification at advanced level should assist you to successfully apply for further training opportunities. Most employers will be looking for people that can display a range of skills such as those needed to study History. History is a highly respected subject and History qualifications are often desired by those in the Legal profession and Public Services. Therefore it is useful for those interested in becoming a Police Officer, Social Worker, Teacher and many more.

