History

Course objectives	• Critical use of evidence in assessing historical problems and issues. • To develop an understanding of key issues over a period of time using the key concepts of continuity and change. • To assess different historical interpretations to analyse and evaluate ways in which the past has been interpreted, in debates between historians. • To broaden students' knowledge and understanding of different periods and countries. • To develop the ability to communicate ideas and arguments clearly and accurately.
Main qualifications	• A Level
Awarding Body	• AQA
Duration/ Lessons per week	• 10 x 1 hour lessons over a two week timetable
Standard entry requirements	• Grade 5 in GCSE History (English Lang grade 5 if not studied)
Progression opportunities	• A Level History prepares students for a university degree such as History, Politics and Law.
Course content	The A Level course will consist of two examined components, both worth 40%, and one piece of coursework worth 20%. • Unit 1 is a breadth study. Students will study Britain 1485 - 1603. Topics include the consolidation of the Tudor Dynasty 1485 - 1547 and England: Turmoil and Triumph 1547 - 1603. • Unit 2 is a depth study. Students will study, Russia 1917 - 1953. Topics include The Russian Revolution and the Rise of Stalin 1917 - 1929 and Stalin's rule 1929 - 1953 • Unit 3 is an historical investigation on a set of topics. Students will answer a question using historical interpretations and sources. The investigation will be approximately 3000-3500 words.

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Assessment	• Both Units 1 and 2 of the A-Level are assessed through two written exams (2 hours 30 minutes) at the end of the course. • Unit 3 is a coursework element marked by teachers.
Costs	• Students will be provided with the core texts for each unit.
Additional information	• The course builds upon the skills attained at GCSE as well as introducing new topics and broadening awareness of current affairs. Through class discussion, wider reading, essay writing and possible day conferences attended by eminent historians, you will be encouraged to examine and analyse events in terms of their causes and national and international consequences.
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