

HISTORY

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Examination board: OCR A-Level History H505



*“If you have a broad interest in the **past** and **present**, enjoy investigating how people and societies operate, like to form your own views and **challenging** them, and can question conventional wisdom and preconceived ideas, then History may be the right subject for you.”*



PROGRAMME OF STUDY

We have chosen the OCR A-Level qualification as we feel the breadth of the units offers a stimulating and varied course of study, offering an enjoyable learning experience that prepares you for university.

The assessment is predominately essay based and you'll look at areas on Britain, a world study and a coursework which is assessed on a subject of your choosing, therefore it is essential to be reading around that subject in your own time. You'll also be given a specific reading and viewing pack for each section of the course.

The Units are as follows:

Unit 1 – Britain 1930–1997, with a document section on Winston Churchill before and during WWII.

Unit 2 – EITHER The USA in the 19th Century: Westward expansion and Civil War 1803–c.1890 OR Russia 1891 to 1941

Unit 3 – Popular Culture and the Witchcraze of the 16th and 17th Centuries

Unit 4 – Coursework

Outside of the classroom there are a number of historical trips within the UK and abroad. There is also the opportunity to become a History Prefect, Contribute to HistSoc, the History Society and magazine, and join one of the many societies the school has to offer and act as a mentor to younger students in the school.

ASSESSMENT

- Four units, each making up different weighted percentages of the qualification.
- A sources based investigation on British History worth 25%
- An essay based paper on a non-British area of History worth 15%
- An essay based study over a substantial period of time, between two and four hundred years, worth 40%
- A coursework, which consists of one long essay which is chosen by students and researched with the support of staff.

FUTURE PLANS

History is well regarded by universities and is a degree course with a strong pedigree in its own right. It is a popular degree choice for our leavers, but can also support a wide range of degrees such as Law, English, Economics and more.

TO APPLY

Grade 7–9 in History GCSE is required. Please complete a registration form online and we will then be in touch about arranging a possible interview.