

# A Level History



**Exam Board:** Edexcel

**Type of qualification:** A Level

**Level of Course:** 3

## Aim of Course

History is a widely respected A Level choice with a variety of transferable skills that prepare students effectively for further study at university or for entering a range of jobs. The course explores a range of issues affecting different countries in times of change, focusing on the development of Fascism and Dictatorship in Europe in the 20th Century and the changing political, economic and social landscape of Europe. In the second year of the course students move onto study The Russian Revolution as their research based coursework which familiarises students with academic works and prepares them for extended research based writing. Students also study Rebellion and Disorder under the Tudors which focuses on the difficulties the Tudor monarchs faced controlling a nation undergoing huge social, economic and religious change. The new A Level course builds effectively on written and analytical skills that students will find invaluable in a range of subjects at A Level and beyond. Students will develop critical reasoning skills, plan and conduct research effectively, learn to effectively analyse evidence, think creatively to solve problems and to construct an argument which can be delivered persuasively. Students will also engage with historical problems and gain the confidence to undertake independent learning which will further prepare them for study or work after sixth form. The study of History also allows students the opportunity to investigate other cultures and the development of the world to better understand the current climate in international relations and the culture of the state we live in. History often leads students into careers including: journalism, law, education, civil service, publishing, archaeology, archiving and heritage, business, politics, marketing and advertising.

## Course Content

- Paper 1: Germany and West Germany, 1918-1989.
- Paper 2: The Rise and Fall of Fascism in Italy, 1911-1946.
- Paper 3: Britain: Rebellion and Disorder under the Tudors 1485-1603
- Coursework: The Russian Revolution and Dictatorships

## Mode of Assessment

- Paper 1: Germany, 1918-89 1 x 2hr15 exam, 3 essay questions, 30% of the A Level.
- Paper 2: Italy, 1911-46 1 x 1hr30 exam, 1 source question, 1 essay question, 20% of the A Level.
- Paper 3: Rebellion and disorder under the Tudors, 1485-1603 1 x 2hr15 exam, 1 source question, 2 essay questions, 30% of the A Level.

## Coursework

The Russian Revolution 4000 word research based essay, 20% of the A Level. All exams to be sat at the end of year 2.