

A Level

History

Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5, 9 -5 Grades at GCSE or equivalent with English and maths. Grade 6 or equivalent in your chosen study subject is preferred

Course Description

This qualification is linear, meaning that students will sit all examinations at the end of their A level course.

Year 12

Tsarist and Communist Russia, 1855–1964: This looks at the changing political climate in Russia starting with the attempted preservation of Tsarist authority. Looking at the governments of Alexander II and Alexander III as rulers; attitudes to and imposition of autocracy; key developments; Political authority in action: Russification; treatment of ethnic minorities and Jews. We then go on to look at the collapse of autocracy, impact of WW1 and the rise of the Bolshevik revolution.

The Making of Modern Britain, 1951–1979- This looks at the changes that took place in Britain between 1951 and 1979 to create the Great Britain that we live in today particularly focusing on the roles of Prime Ministers and social changes across the period.

Year 13

Tsarist and Communist Russia, 1855–1964: This extends Year 12 Russian study by a further 50 years, looking at the establishment of Stalinist dictatorship and life under this regime: the loss of freedom; forced collectivisation and industrialisation; murders within the Purges of the 1930s as Stalin attempted to eliminate dissent. We also look into the Cold War and De-Stalinisation as Khrushchev comes into power.

The Making of Modern Britain, 1951–2007- By developing upon the Year 12 course, this covers detailed analysis of the Prime Ministerial terms of Thatcher, Major and Blair.

Assessment

Students will sit two exams at the end of Year 13, one on each unit studied. Additionally, students will complete a piece of coursework that is on a topic of their own choosing that covers a period of between 100 and 200 years.

Career Opportunities

Archaeology	Lawyer	Graduate schemes
Reporter	Political analyst	Business consultant
Historian	Teaching	Solicitor

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For more information, please see Miss L Jones, Head of History, in the KWB (room 104).