

HISTORY

HEAD OF FACULTY

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TYPE OF QUALIFICATION

A-level

EXAM BOARD

Edexcel

SPECIFICATION

<http://bit.ly/Pearson-history>

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Preferred: GCSE History grade 6
Essential: GCSE History grade 5



AIMS OF THE COURSE

Our aim is to encourage your interest in History. People who study history are fearless explorers of the past. Investigating past politics, societies, cultures, languages, health, art, education, money, conflicts and more, look at how things have developed over time and connect the dots to understand how we got where we are today.

History teaches us to ask two very important questions: why and how. This is key to sharpening your critical thinking abilities, which combine analysis, research, essay writing and communication skills to help you to solve problems and form arguments for debate.

COURSE OUTLINE & ASSESSMENT

Unit 1: Britain, 1625—1701: conflict, revolution and settlement.

Unit 2: Russia in Revolution, 1894—1924

Unit 3: The Witchcraze in Britain, Europe and North America c1580—c1750

Unit 4: Coursework: Student choice of topic

CAREER PROSPECTS

The A Level qualification is accepted as a qualification for university courses in all subjects. If you choose to specialise in history at university, you don't have to be an historian! With your ace analytical, writing, debate and detective skills, you'll be primed for a huge range of careers in law, politics, public sector, business, marketing, journalism, economics, teaching, academia, insurance, social research, archaeology and curation (museums, galleries, archives and libraries).

SUBJECT ENRICHMENT



Something to think about...

Is knowledge of the past ever certain? Why do accounts of the same historical event differ? What determines how historians select evidence and interpret events? What problems are posed for the study of history by changes in language and culture over time?



Something to listen to...

If 'Ye Newe Dallam History Podcast' is not your thing, 'You're Dead To Me' is the history podcast for people who don't like history... and those who do. Greg Jenner brings together the best names in comedy and history to learn and laugh about the past on BBC Sounds.



Something to read...

A great starting point is History Today's website. There are articles on EVERYTHING historical – just email us and ask! If there is an article you would like more of! Also, check out www.historyextra.com for lots of interesting articles.

