

Syllabus

Yr 1: AS 8HI01

Yr 2: A2 9HI01

What does the course include?

Year One- AS

Unit 1 (6HI01/D) *Russia in Revolution 1881-1924 & Stalin's Russia 1924-53.* In this unit you will learn about how the Bolsheviks were able to seize power in 1917. We will look at the causes of this revolution, focusing particularly on what life was like under the Tsar, on the economy and on the impact of World War One. We also examine the failure of the provisional government and the tactics that Lenin used to become the country's leader. You will learn about the 'Revolution from Above', Bolshevik education policies, the family and the role of women in Soviet society, and the culture of a totalitarian regime.

Unit 2 (6HI02/E) *British Political History 1945-1990: Consensus and Conflict.* You will look at how Britain recovered after World War 2 and the dilemmas that faced politicians. You will cover the era of the "swinging sixties" and how politics changed during this period. Finally, we will study Margaret Thatcher, Britain's first female prime minister, who changed the country forever.

Year Two- A2

Unit 3 (6HI03/C) *The United States, 1917-54: Boom, Bust and Recovery.* We will study the Wall Street Crash, the growth of the Ku Klux Klan, the fight against the mafia and prohibition of alcohol. You will also examine the effects of World War II on America and the anti-Communist drive that followed.

Note: We may offer **(6HI03/D) *Britain and the Challenge of Facism*** as an alternative.

Unit 4 (6HI04) *Historical Assignment:* You will study the historical significance of an event or individual. At the end of the unit, you will submit a 4,000 word piece of coursework.

How will I learn?

The course is shared between two teachers and we will use a variety of learning activities. Much of the class work will involve discussions based on the reading of texts, analysis of historical sources, student presentations and essay writing. You will be expected to read widely around each topic and will be required to complete one major piece of written work a week.

How will my work be assessed?

AS: In your first year you will be assessed by examination (100% of the AS mark; 50% of the A2).

A2: The second year is 60% examination and 40% coursework.

What skills will I need to be successful in this subject?

First and foremost you must have a genuine interest in the subject. You must be prepared to put a great deal of time and effort into your written work and into your reading. You should be prepared to participate fully in class discussion and to work consistently and conscientiously.

What are the entry requirements?

5 GCSEs at grades A-C, including a very good grade in English Language.

What are the opportunities after this course for further/higher education and employment?

History is ideal for careers in law and in journalism. Universities also view the subject favourably, especially for students applying for degrees in the social sciences.