

# History A Level

## Edexcel

**History is an exciting and inspiring subject. It is highly regarded by the top universities because of the skills that studying this subject at A Level develops. The transferable academic skills include research, analysis, discussion and the construction of both oral and written arguments. It enables you to reflect on the past, analyse interpretations of the past and gain a better understanding of current national and international decisions.**

### **Course Structure**

We begin by studying a depth unit (a unit that focuses on a condensed period of time in detail) on Russia 1894-1924. We then move onto a breadth unit (a unit that has a focus on an extended period and which also focuses on themes). We study coursework and finally a unit on Germany 1871-1990.

### **Skills & Knowledge**

You will develop excellent skills of critical analysis and the ability to identify, deconstruct and challenge a range of historical interpretations. You will also develop detailed knowledge and understanding of modern and early modern European history. You will learn how to write with clarity, how to present a logical argument and how to reach a reasoned and sustained judgement.

### **Assessment**

There are three exams at the end of the second year of study – making up 80 % of your final grade. The final 20% is from coursework

### **Opportunities & Enrichment**

Every year we take part in the Holocaust Memorial Trust's visits to Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen. We visit museums and attend conferences and study events. London is a city that is historically significant and we take advantage of being a college located in our capital. We have links with SOAS and Kings and we send students to seminars and summer schools every year.

### **Future Careers & Pathways**

Many of our students go on to study History at university. Students have gone to a range of universities including Cambridge, LSE and Durham. Some students choose to combine History with Philosophy, Government and Politics or English. Studying A Level History is also a good route for students who wish to pursue a career in law and journalism.