

Subject: History

Curriculum Leader: JMS

Exam Board: AQA

Overview:

“Those who fail to remember the past are doomed to repeat it.” George Santayana

If you have enjoyed the study of History at GCSE then this course will be a natural extension of your interest. You will have the opportunity to study Germany from 1918-1945 and the Tudor dynasty from 1485-1603. In addition to this you will complete an independent historical investigation in Year 13 to produce an extended piece of research. The course is challenging, interesting and will provide you with a range of important skills that will prepare you well for further study and employment.

Component 1: Breadth study

What's assessed

The study of significant historical developments over a period of around 100 years and associated interpretations.

Assessed

- written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes
- three questions (one compulsory)
- 80 marks
- 40% of A-level

Questions

- two sections
- Section A – one compulsory question linked to historical interpretations (30 marks)
- Section B – two from three essays (2 x 25 marks)



Component 2: Depth study

What's assessed

The study in depth of a period of major historical change or development and associated primary evidence.

Assessed

- written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes
- three questions (one compulsory)
- 80 marks
- 40% of A-level

Questions

- two sections
- Section A – one compulsory question linked to primary sources or sources contemporary to the period (30 marks)
- Section B – two from three essays (2 x 25 marks)



Component 3: Historical investigation

What's assessed

A personal study based on a topic of student's choice. This should take the form of a question in the context of approximately 100 years. It must not duplicate the content of options chosen for Components 1 and 2.

Assessed

- 3000–3500 words
- 40 marks
- 20% of A-level
- marked by teachers
- moderated by AQA