



HISTORY

A-LEVEL

Examination Board: OCR

Course content:

AS level: (first year of course: most, if not all, students will not sit the AS exam)

Unit Y113 - Britain 1930-1997 (British Period study and Enquiry) (25% of total A-level; 50 marks; 1 hour 30mins paper)	"You've never had it so good": Who were the real winners and losers in Britain in the mid to late 20 th Century? Topics include: Churchill before, during and after World War Two; The Suez Crisis; The Profumo Affair; "Rivers of Blood" Enoch Powell speech; Unions and The Winter of Discontent; Thatcher's Britain; Falkland War; Gulf War; Decolonisation and the Commonwealth
Unit Y221 - Democracy and Dictatorships in Germany 1919-1963 (Non-British Period study) (15% of total A-level; 30 marks; 1 hour paper)	"Your child belongs to us already..." - How and why did democracy and dictatorship have such an effect on Germany in this period? Topics include: The Fall of Weimar; The Rise of Hitler and Life in Nazi Germany; The Impact of World War Two on Germany; Divided Germany 1949-1963

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Unit Y306 - Rebellion and Disorder in the Tudor period 1485-1603 (Thematic study and historical interpretations) (40% of total A-level; 80 marks; 2 hour 30min paper)	"Protest! Rebellion! Revolt!?" What were the causes of popular unrest and how much of a challenge was there to the Tudor dynasty? Topics include: HENRY VII: Yorkshire Rebellion 1489; Cornish Rebellion & Defeat of Warbeck 1497; HENRY VIII: Break with Rome 1534; Pilgrimage of Grace 1536; EDWARD VI: Western Rebellion 1549; Kett's Rebellion 1549; MARY: Wyatt's Rebellion 1554; ELIZABETH: Northern Rebellion 1569-70; Tyrone's Rebellion; Essex's Rebellion 1601
Unit Y100 - Independent Investigation <u>Y100 Non-exam assessment</u> (3000-4000 word essay) (20% of total A-level; Topic based essay)	Students select, research, plan and undertake their own investigation

Links with other subjects:

English Literature, Geography and Psychology.

Possible careers:

An A level in History will be recognised as a useful and respected qualification in all careers. It shows you can think for yourself and form arguments - and that's what employers and universities are looking for.

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Prior Experience

This course is open to all students but having taken History at GCSE is an advantage. A score of at least a B in GCSE History is recommended.

Student Comments

"History is all about having opinions and expressing them – it's a great chance to have your own say on things." "We're always encouraged to have our own views about things." "Every lesson we debate and discuss the key events – it's great for those who like an argument." "It really stretches you but it really gives you an interest in the world around us and why we are who we are."