

HISTORY

A-LEVEL

Examination Board: OCR

Course content:

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

Unit Y306 - Rebellion and Disorder in the	"Protest! Rebellion! Revolt!"? What were the causes of
Tudor period 1485-1603	popular unrest and how much of a challenge was there to the
(Thematic study and historical interpretations)	Tudor dynasty?
(40% of total A-level; 80 marks;	
2 hour 30min paper)	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	Students select, research, plan and undertake their own
Y100 Non-exam assessment	investigation
(3000-4000 word essay)	
(20% of total A-level; Topic based essay)	

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 your own interpretations – 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 Grade 6 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."