



History

AQA

Subject Leader:

Mrs S Dumycz

Course structure and content

A-Level in three Sections:

- The British Empire c. 1914-1967
- The Birth of the USA 1776-1801
- Historical Investigation: Russia 1683-1953

Students undertake a Historical Investigation into a topic of relative free choice. This assignment will cover a minimum of 100 years and be no more than 4,000 words. The assignment will be chosen from a pre-approved selection of topics, in conjunction with the department staff.

Students are not expected to provide any materials, but are expected to find opportunities to read and research around the topics covered in their own time. There are a wealth of resources, documentaries, books, articles, magazines, websites, etc. that are easily accessible. Students can also access materials at the University of Worcester via The Hive and at the University of Birmingham Library. Additionally, students can ask teachers for advice on where to find such information.

Entrance requirements

Automatic entry: Grade 6 in GCSE History if taken or Grade 6 passes in English and a convincing interest in studying History at A Level.

Students not achieving these entrance requirements may on occasion be admitted by interview, based on academic performance, approach to learning and course suitability.





Progression routes

Many employers welcome applications from 'A' level school leavers and those with a History related degree. This indicates that they have been trained to assess evidence and to apply other skills resulting from the study of History. History is highly regarded by employers for the intellectual qualities required to study it. Students are regarded as having had an education that trains the mind to assemble, organise and present facts and opinions and these are very useful qualities in many walks of life and careers. Other opportunities include: Law, Journalism, Broadcasting, Civil Service, Teaching, Police, Publishing, Personnel work, Banking and Management.

The skills developed in history are transferable, highly valued by employers and make you a good prospect:

Flexibility, asking questions, making judgements, understanding people, problem solving

Report writing skills - analysing, selecting, organizing and communicating clearly

Critical analysis - of events, people, documents

Your ability to communicate - both spoken and written

Logical thought processes - the ability to work out why things happen, to establish theories and back them with evidence

Since many of the issues studied in History do not have clear and easy explanations, while you are studying the topic you will have the chance to become more skilled at reasoning, deduction and at organising and evaluating information. Finally, as a result of having to defend your opinions and conclusions in class discussion, you will find yourself with many chances to develop your own self-confidence.

Further information

Your course teachers are Mrs Dumycz and Mr Flaxman who can be contacted on the number below.

Further course details are available at www.aqa.org.uk.

How to apply

You can download an application form by visiting the Sixth Form area of the school website at:

www.waseleyhills.worcs.sch.uk.

Otherwise, contact us direct on 0121 457 4767.

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