

## History

## Exam Board: Edexcel

The table below summarises the content of topics with an indication of the examination associated with each:

<b>Route E- Communist states in the twentieth century</b>		<b>Examinations and weighting</b>
<p>The options in Route E are linked by the theme of communism, one of the most significant ideologies of the twentieth century. Communism directly affected the lives of millions of people who lived under communist rule, but it also had indirect effects on countless others around the world. Studying two different countries allows students to develop a greater understanding of the nature of communist rule and the similarities and contrasts between them</p>		
<b>Paper 1- Breadth Study with Interpretations</b>	<p>Students study the key political changes experienced in Russia between 1917-1991. As part of this, students study a wide variety of topics relating to Russia during this period.</p> <p>Students also study interpretations based around the theme: What explains the fall of the Soviet Union 1985-1991?</p>	<b>2 hour 15 minute written exam</b>  <b>30%</b>
<b>Paper 2- Depth Study</b>	<p>Students study the turbulent years in China that saw the establishment of a communist state. As part of this, students study the Cultural Revolution and Mao's Great Leap forward.</p>	<b>1 hour 30 minute written exam</b>  <b>20%</b>
<b>Paper 3- The British experience of warfare, c1790–1918</b>	<p>Students explore the British experience of war in different aspects of major overseas conflicts and the changing relationship between the state and the people as the government attempted to</p>	<b>2 hour 15 minute written exam</b>  <b>30%</b>

<b>Themes in breadth with aspects in depth</b>	create an effective fighting machine and prepare the people for war.	
<b>Historical enquiry- The Holocaust</b>	Students are required to form a critical view based on relevant reading on a chosen question, problem or issue. They are also required to analyse, explain and evaluate the interpretations of three historians.	<b>3,000-4,000 words</b>  <b>20%</b>  <b>Teacher marked then externally moderated</b>

## **Frequently asked questions**

### **What GCSE grade do I need for History A level?**

You must have at least a grade 5 in GCSE History.

### **What skills do I need to do well?**

- Research and information handling
- Ability to use a wide variety of historical evidence in order to reach conclusions on historical issues
- The confidence to participate in wide ranging discussions

### **Independent Research**

You must be willing to read! The History Department has a wide selection of readable and accessible books for each module. In Year 13 you will need to read widely (books, articles and the internet) in order to produce your piece of independently researched coursework.

### **What benefits will studying History bring in the future?**

History complements many subjects and studying it provides a range of transferable skills to enable you to respond to the demands of university study and the world of work.

Employers of history graduates typically include: accountancy firms, banks, higher education institutions, law firms, management consultants, publishing companies, retailers, schools, police, television and radio broadcasters.

History is recognised as a highly academic subject. History is a traditional A-level subject which top universities favour.

### **Jack Grinter, Head of History**