

# History

Examination Board: Edexcel

## Staff Lead

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## Why Study History?

Our A level course has been written to build upon the knowledge and skills students have developed and honed across KS3 and KS4 and to provide a context to the Twentieth and Twenty-First century world in which they will grow up in.

The content is modern and designed to provide you with a national and international breadth of understanding from the origins of the British Empire, through to modern British and early Twentieth Century US History.

Year 12 will see students studying the challenges faced by the two most powerful democracies of the century. Students will investigate British History from 1918 through until the election of Tony Blair's government in 1997, studying the huge social, political and economic changes within our own country and democratic system.

In parallel with this, students will additionally be studying a social, political and economic history of the USA from 1918 to 1955, looking at how a contrasting democratic system dealt with its dizzying rise to power, spectacular crash and subsequent emergence as a post WWII superpower.

Year 13 will see students studying Britain's rise as an

imperial power, looking at how Britain lost an empire in the New World and then reasserted itself to establish the world's largest empire bar-none by 1914. The course will be an economic, military and political study of the interacting forces that led Britain to acquire India, Australia, Canada and The Nile Valley having lost the Thirteen Colonies in 1781.

This will be studied in tandem, with a coursework unit where students can choose from a range of agreed historical debates.

## Career Paths & Degree Courses

History provides a useful foundation for degrees and careers in a wide variety of subjects including: 'Arts' and 'Social Sciences', Law Accountancy, Civil Service, Teaching, Banking, Business Studies, Personnel Management.

## Requirements

At least five 9-4 grades at GCSE, with a minimum average grade score of 4.5. At least a grade 6 in History.

Recommended - English GCSE at grade 5 or above.

Year 12	Year 13
<b>Democracies In Change: Britain and the USA in the Twentieth Century</b>  <b>Unit 1 - Britain Transformed, 1918-1997</b> 30% of A Level grade Exam – 2 hours 15 min  <b>Unit 2 - The USA, c1920-1955: Boom, Bust and Recovery</b> 20% of A Level grade Exam 1 hour 30 min	<b>Aspects in Breadth and Depth</b>  <b>Unit 3 - Britain: Losing and Gaining an Empire, 1763-1914</b> 30% of final A Level grade Exam 2 hours 15 min  <b>Unit 4 Coursework - A range of choices</b> 20% of final A Level Grade Students will complete a single assignment on a question set by the centre.