

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>HISTORY (A LEVEL)</b>
BOARD	AQA
INTRODUCTION	We cover three very dramatic and contrasting periods of change in History. Two are for examination and students also undertake a Historical Investigation which they research for themselves.
COURSE STRUCTURE	<p><b>1. Breadth Study: Tsarist and Communist Russia, 1855-1964.</b> Russia under the tsars; the causes of the 1917 revolutions; the communist rule of Lenin, Stalin and Khrushchev.</p> <p><b>2. Depth Study: The English Revolution, 1625-1660.</b> The rule of Charles I and the causes of the Civil War; the emergence of radical groups such as the Levellers and Diggers; experiments in a new system of government; the rule of Cromwell and the restoration of Charles II.</p> <p><b>3. Historical Investigation (during second year)</b> A personal study based on United States Foreign Policy c.1890-1980. This allows students quite a bit of flexibility in terms of their research focus. It is an excellent preparation for university as you will be working independently at your own speed. It comprises of an essay and analysis of both primary source material and differences of interpretation between historians. Essay of 3000-3500 words. Marked by the teachers and moderated by AQA. 20% of A Level.</p>
ASSESSMENT	<p><b>1. Breadth Study: Tsarist and Communist Russia</b> At end of second year. 2 hours 30 minutes written exam, with one question on historians' interpretations and then two essays from a choice of four. Worth 40%</p> <p><b>2. Depth Study: The English Revolution</b> At end of second year. 2 hours 30 minutes exam, with one source-based question and then two essays from a choice of three. Worth 40% of A Level.</p> <p><b>3. Historical Investigation (during second year)</b> Essay of 3000-3500 words. Marked by the teachers and moderated by AQA. 20% of A Level.</p>
PROGRESSION	This A level syllabus builds upon the skills that you have developed at KS3 and GCSE. No prior knowledge is necessary, just the ability to think analytically and the willingness to read widely and write well. History itself is a highly regarded academic subject as it is concerned with the ability to analyse information and construct clear arguments. It is seen as providing those skills demanded by careers areas such as law, journalism, media, business management government (local, national and diplomatic!) and administration.
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	<p><b>In order to study A level History you should have obtained at least a grade 6 at GCSE in History. If you have not been examined in this subject at GCSE you should have obtained a grade 6 or higher in a related discipline such as English Language, English Literature, RS or Geography.</b></p> <p>If you have any questions regarding this course please see Mr Ambrose, Mr Wright or Mrs Sutcliffe</p>