

# AS AND A2 IN HISTORY (OCR)

## WHY HISTORY?

History is an extremely well respected and enjoyable subject at AS and A2.

The study of History acts as an excellent basis for any pupil wanted to pursue careers in journalism, law, education, research, archaeology, politics, business and many more.

Any pupil wishing to study a History degree should have an AS or A2 in History. Furthermore, study of History at AS and A2 will also give pupils an excellent gateway into the study of Higher Education topics such as Philosophy, Archaeology, Politics, English, History of Ideas and Classical Civilisation.

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## STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE

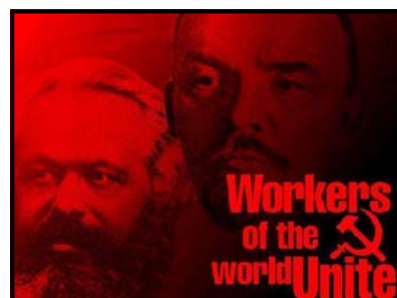
**A**  
**S** 2 examined units, one of British and one of non-British origin.  
Available options:  
England under Elizabeth I, The Crusades, The French Revolution, The American Civil War, The USA and Cold War in Asia (Vietnam), Foreign and Imperial Policies 1945-1990

**A**  
**2** One examined unit  
Available options: and Civil Rights in the USA 1865—1992, The Challenge of German Nationalism 1789—1919  
At A2 pupils will also carry out a coursework element, of which there are a range of possible topics including: The Reign of King John 1199-1215, Oliver Cromwell, British India 1815-1878, Napoleon, Russian Revolutions, The Cold War, Nazi Germany and many more.



## ASSESSMENT METHODS

- AS—2 exams of 1hr 30 minutes (50 %)
- A2—1 exam of 2 hours (30%)
- A2—2 x 2000 word coursework element (20%)



## AIMS OF THE COURSE

The aims of History at AS and A2 are to:

- develop a coherent knowledge of the past.
- develop and apply understanding of historical concepts – including explanation, evidence, interpretations and significance;
- develop the techniques of critical thinking in a historical context – and the skills necessary to analyse and solve historical problems;
- develop the ability to communicate historical arguments and conclusions



## ROUTES WITH OTHER SUBJECTS

History at AS and A2 would be complimentary to any student looking at other subjects within the humanities area such as Geography or Philosophy, but also due to demand for skills of argument, History would also complement pupils interested in studying an AS in English.



## REQUIREMENTS

B grade at GCSE will be required to study History at AS and A2