



# HISTORY A-LEVEL

## WHY SHOULD I STUDY A-LEVEL HISTORY?

An understanding of history is essential to understand the world we live in today. It also gives us the evidence upon which many other disciplines are based and links closely to politics, economics, sociology. A broad, international perspective is increasingly important and relevant in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and for our diverse pupil body. A-level History is an academic course for pupils with a passion for the subject and the skills it embraces.

## WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT?

A-level History involves a breadth study of Russia 1855-1964 covering the fall of the Tsars and the rise and establishment of communism. There is also a Cold War in Europe paper and a British paper on the Early Tudors plus an independent investigation for coursework. The different papers cover not only a variety of topics but also wide-ranging historical skills.

## HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Three exams, on each of the different topics. Plus coursework.

## WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

You will become confident in key historical skills such as analysing cause, consequence, significance and evaluation of sources and interpretations. Through debate, discussion and written work you will become effective communicators, able to form and support your own, well substantiated views and arguments. History is also a very 'human' subject, developing understanding of and empathy for people and perspectives from different times and places.

## WHERE COULD THIS SUBJECT TAKE ME IN THE FUTURE?

History is a well-regarded subject and pupils gain very valuable skills and knowledge applicable to many aspects of life. Pupils go on to pursue careers in many different areas such as law, politics, international relations, aid agencies, civil service, business, journalism, and many more!

**Exam Board:** OCR

