



HISTORY

INTERNATIONAL
BACCALAUREATE

WHY SHOULD I STUDY IB 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 21st Century and for our diverse student body.

WHAT WILL I LEARN ABOUT?

Our IB course is 20th Century focused. You will study Civil Rights for paper 1, this includes race relations in the USA in the 1950s and 60s along with South African apartheid. Paper 2 covers the Cold War and an authoritarian states comparative study of Nazi Germany and Communist Cuba. For Higher Level you will also study additional topics of Russia under both Tsars and Communists, from Alexander II through to Yeltzin and the collapse of communism, plus the Spanish Civil War and Mussolini's Italy.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Standard Level two exams. Higher Level three exams. Plus, an independent assessment (IA) as your independent research project. This will usually be on the topic of US Civil Rights though there is scope to investigate a topic of your choice if you have a particular passion or interest.

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!

