

# History

Pearson Edexcel

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## Entry Requirements

NHGS Sixth Form entry requirements.

## Aims of the Course

To study a mixture of medieval and modern history, from both Britain and a wider European and middle eastern perspective, building on historical skills developed at GCSE.

Through their study of A Level History, students become independent learners, critical thinkers and decision makers which will help them moving forward into higher education or the workplace.



## Course structure and content

Three written papers taken in the summer of Upper 6th and coursework submitted by the Easter of the Upper 6th.

### Unit 1 - The Crusades, c1095-1204

This option comprises a breadth study of the early crusading movement. It runs from Pope Urban II's call to reclaim Jerusalem for Christianity after over four centuries of Islamic control, to the infamous Fourth Crusade which ended up sacking the Christian city of Constantinople. Sadly the current tensions in the Middle East highlight the continued importance of this topic.

### Unit 2 - Anglo-Saxon England and the Anglo-Norman Kingdom, 1053-1106

This option comprises a depth study of England and Normandy from the death of Earl Godwin in 1053, through the reigns of William I and William II to the re-establishment of the Anglo-Norman Kingdom by Henry I in 1107. These were dramatic years of change for England and would shape the course of its history for generations.

### Unit 3 - Mass media and social change in Britain, 1882-2004

This option includes aspects in both breadth and depth. How and why the role of women and leisure changed dramatically during the period studied. The vital role of developing mass media in both world wars, along with the manipulation of it by two controversial Prime Ministers in Thatcher and Blair is covered. With the topic finishing only two decades ago we can develop a real understanding of the world we live in today.

## Assessment

At the end of the Lower 6th, students sit an exam on all of the Lower 6th content. This does not count towards the final grade, but assesses the content at this half-way point before progression to the Upper 6th.

The final assessments at the end of the Upper 6th are as below:

**Unit 1** - 30% 2 hours 15 minutes written paper (60 marks).

**Unit 2** - 20% 1 hour 30 minutes written paper (40 marks).

**Unit 3** - 30% 2 hours 15 minutes written paper (60 marks).

**NEA** - 20% Currently on Unit 1 (40 marks).

## Future career opportunities

History is a well respected academic A Level, valued by both universities and a variety of potential employers. It can lead to a History degree and then work in the field (for example Teaching, Museums) but also to careers such as Law and Politics.



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