History

Pearson Edexcel

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Entry Requirements

NHGS Sixth Form entry requirements.

Aims of the Course

To give pupils a diverse grounding in history through studying a mixture of modern, early modern and medieval history. We mainly focus on Britain but also offer wider European and middle eastern perspectives. We build on the historical skills developed at GCSE and 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 - Britain, 1625–1701: conflict, revolution and settlement: Students explore a decisive shift in the balance of power between crown and parliament, echoes of which we see today. We consider why the English fought, defeated and ultimately beheaded their king; then invited his son to return from exile as Charles II after 11 years of desperately trying to rule without a monarchy. We then explore how this shaped the monarchy.

Unit 2 - Russia in revolution, 1894–1924: Students look at the causes, course and consolidation of the Russian Revolution of 1917, which has had a momentous effect on Russia and the modern world. We study the actions of the revolutionaries, the response of successive governments, and the consolidation under Lenin and the Bolsheviks after the Revolution of October 1917.

Unit 3 - Mass media and social change in Britain, 1882-2004: Areas we study include; 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 PMs in Thatcher and Blair. With 2004 being only two decades ago we develop our understanding of the world we live in today.

NEA - Richard the Lionheart in the Third Crusade, 1190-2. Is the status of Richard I as a legend in a 'Clash of the Titans' with Saladin actually warranted? Current tensions in the Middle East highlight the continued relevance of the crusades to 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% Draft usually due before Spring Half Term, with the final deadline being the start of the Easter holidays (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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