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History

Who can do it?

The entry requirement for this course is a grade 5 in GCSE History. If you have not studied History as one of your GCSE subjects, then we would consider a grade 5 in English and/or Geography.

What will I learn?

A Level History is designed to build upon and extend the skills you will have gained at GCSE. You will be offered a wide and stimulating choice of content including:

- Unit 1 - Germany and West Germany, 1918-89
- Unit 2 - The rise and fall of fascism in Italy, c1911-46
- Unit 3 - A topic in breadth with aspects of depth
- Unit 4 - Historical Enquiry (Coursework)

What can I do next?

This course could lead onto higher education in History or related subjects such as English, American Studies, Politics, Archaeology, or more general courses.

With further training, you could go into a job related to history by seeking employment in areas of heritage such as working in a museum or within education such as a teacher. Students who study history may also wish to consider other courses such as law or journalism.

You could also go straight into a job as the A Level is a recognised qualification which will help you to develop the skills, understanding and knowledge that employers across many industries are looking for.

Summary

Level: A Level

Duration: 2 years

Qualification:
Edexcel Advanced Subsidiary
GCE in History

Entry Requirements:
6 GCSEs graded 5 and above
including History



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Further course information

Unit 1 – Germany and West Germany, 1918-89

This part of the course is a study in breadth, in which you will learn about key political changes experienced in Weimar Germany 1918-1933, Nazi Germany 1933-1945 and in West Germany after the Second World War, 1945-1989.

The focus is on four themes:

- Political and governmental change
- Opposition, control and consent
- Economic development and policies
- Aspects of Life and Society

Unit 2 - The rise and fall of fascism in Italy, c1911–1946

This option comprises a study in depth of the turbulent years in Italy that saw the collapse of the liberal state, the creation of a fascist dictatorship and a return to democracy in the aftermath of the Second World War.

The focus is on four themes:

- The liberal state, c1911–1918
- The rise of Mussolini and the creation of a fascist dictatorship, 1919–1926
- The fascist state, 1925–1940
- Challenges to, and the fall of, the fascist state, c1935–1946

Unit 3 – A topic in breadth with aspects of depth

For this unit you will study change and continuity within a topic covering a span of c100 years. Some aspects of the topic will also be covered in depth.

Unit 4 – Historical Enquiry (Coursework)

You will produce an independently researched essay of 3000-4000 words about the impact of the suffragette movement. There is a possibility of you choosing the topic for your coursework.

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