

POST 16 SUBJECT OVERVIEW

Name of Subject - History

Which Examination Specification is Studied for this Course?

AQA:

- Unit 1H: Tsarist and Communist Russia, 1855-1964,
- Unit 2M: Wars and Welfare, Britain in Transition, 1906-1957,
- Unit 3: Non-Examined Assessment on the Tudor Reformation

Why should I study this course?

History is a popular subject at Outwood Academy Hemsworth. A-level History helps students understand the significance of historical events, the role of individuals in history and the nature of change over time. It will help you to gain a deeper understanding of the past through political, social, economic and cultural perspectives. You will study the rapid changes in British politics and society between 1906 and 1957, spanning both World Wars, numerous political crises and significant events, including the creation of the NHS. On the Tsarist and Communist Russia unit, you will have the chance to learn about a new period and society which went through drastic change in 100 years, including the downfall of the Russian royal family, and the creation of the world's first communist state.

As part of your A-level studies, you will acquire the skills required to be a good historian, including depth of knowledge, research and analysing primary material and historian's opinions. These skills are also useful for a range of other potential career paths and university options. We have strong links with Huddersfield University, where you will have the opportunity to carry out research for your Non-Examined Assessment. The department also offers students the opportunity to take part in the Lessons from Auschwitz programme which provides an invaluable experience to learn more about the Holocaust.

Who is suitable to study this course?

In order to be successful on this course, you will need a real passion and interest in History, and in particular the units we offer. It is essential that you studied History at GCSE. Extended essay writing is a large part of the course, therefore students who excel at English Literature and English language are often well suited to the course. English language A-Level students complete a similar non-examined assessment, which can help support the completion of the History NEA at A-Level, but this is not essential.

The skills you will acquire on this course are transferable to a range of other potential degree options and career paths including, journalism, law, archivist, heritage studies.

What are the Qualification Requirements for this Course?

You are required to achieve a minimum of a grade 5 in GCSE History and a grade 5 in English GCSE.

How is the Course Delivered? You will have one teacher for each of the examined units. There are 5 teaching hours per week and you will be expected to complete approximately 4 hours of homework, revision and independent studies per week in order to be successful. All resources used in lessons will be uploaded to google classroom for your reference.

Subject Overview		
Half Term	Year 12	Year 13
Autumn 1	1H: Trying to Preserve Autocracy 1855-1894 - The rule of Alexander II 2M: The Liberal Crisis	1H: The Emergence of Communist Dictatorship - The impact of Lenin's rule 2M: 'The Hungry Thirties'
Autumn 2	1H: Trying to Preserve Autocracy 1855-1894 - The rule of Alexander III 2M: Social and Economic Issues 1906-1914	1H: The Emergence of Communist Dictatorship - the rise of Stalin 2M: 'The Hungry Thirties'
Spring 1	1H: The Collapse of Autocracy 1894-1917 - The rule of Nicholas II 2M: The impact of World War One	1H: The Stalinist Dictatorship and reaction - World War Two and High Stalinism 2M: The People's War and Peace
Spring 2	1H: The Collapse of Autocracy 1894-1917 - The impact of World War One 2M: The search for stability 1922-1929	1H: The Stalinist Dictatorship and reaction - The rule of Khrushchev 2M: 'Never had it so good?' Post war Britain.
Summer 1	Non-Examined Assessment	Preparation for A-Level Examinations
Summer 2	Non-Examined Assessment	

How is the Course Assessed?

You will be taught the skills required and these will be regularly assessed through the completion of practice exam questions. This will help inform your Praising Stars predictions.

The A-Level examinations are completed at the end of year 13 and consist of two 2 ½ hour exam papers. Each paper is worth 40% of your A-level grade.

The non-examined assessment is worth 20% of your final A-Level grade and consists of a 4000 essay, including the analysis of primary sources and historians interpretations.

The assessment objectives, showing the skills you will learn, are below:

AO1	Demonstrate, organise and communicate knowledge and understanding to analyse and evaluate the key features related to the periods studied, making substantiated judgements and exploring concepts, as relevant, of cause, consequence, change, continuity, similarity, difference and significance.
AO2	Analyse and evaluate appropriate source material, primary and/or contemporary to the period, within its historical context.
AO3	Analyse and evaluate, in relation to the historical context, different ways in which aspects of the past have been interpreted.

What is our Recommended Subject Reading list to Support your Study?

AQA have approved the following textbooks which can be used during study of this course:

S Waller, Oxford AQA History for A-Level; Tsarist and Communist Russia, 1855-1964 (2015)

S Waller, Oxford AQA History for A-Level; Wars and Welfare, Britain in Transition 1906-1967 (2016)

The following are additional texts that you may find useful. Please consult your class teacher for advice:

C Corin and T Fiehn, Communist Russia under Lenin and Stalin, Hodder, 2002

J Laver, Triumph and Collapse: Russia and the USSR 1941-1991, Nelson Thornes, 2009

S Waller, Imperial Russia, Revolutions and the emergence of the Soviet State 1853-1924, CUP, 2012

M Lynch, Britain 1900-51, Hodder Education, 2008

A Marr, The Making of Modern Britain, Pan, 2010

