

HISTORY A LEVEL

Course Content

The course consists of four components taught over two years:

Year 12 – Nationalism, dictatorship and democracy in twentieth-century Europe

- **Breadth Study: Germany and West Germany, 1918 - 89**
- **Depth Study: The rise and fall of fascism in Italy, c1911-46**

The First World War sent shockwaves around the globe, affecting politics, society and economics around the world. The post-1918 world proved to be a great challenge. Both Germany and Italy emerged from WW1 as changed societies which led to the rise of far right wing politics (Hitler and Mussolini). Eventually the world will end up at war again leading to the debate: How far Hitler's foreign policy was responsible for the Second World War. After losing the war we see a return to democratic government in both countries. Both units will look at the challenges faced in Germany and Italy before, during and after the rule of an extremist government.

Year 13: Depth Study: Rebellion and disorder under the Tudors 1485 – 1603

This unit will explore the nature of rebellion and disorder under the Tudors and the way the various challenges were met, the nature of change in government over the period and the changing relationship between the Crown and key sections of society.

Coursework Unit:

The purpose of coursework is to enable students to develop skills in the analysis and evaluation of interpretations of history as part of an independently researched assignment. After a brief overview of the topic, you must then work independently to produce a 3000 - 4000 word assignment. 2017/18 topic – Was Appeasement the right policy?

Teaching and Learning and Assessment

A variety of teaching and learning styles are used including seminar sessions and group work.

The full A Level will be examined at the end of the two year course.

Progression

The more obvious career opportunities for which History equips you are law, journalism, politics, archaeological or museum work.

It also provides excellent training for management posts or for any position which involves evaluation of evidence and informed decision making.

Entry Requirements

Grade 5 or above in GCSE History, if taken.

Grade 5 or above in higher tier English Language

Examination Board

Edexcel

Further Details

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