Maelor Sixth



History
WJEC A Level

Subject Leader: Mr R Quinn

Introduction

Everything has a history, but there is much more to history than just the story. Historical evidence is unreliable, incomplete, or even contradictory. It is the job of the historian to seek out the truth, to find out what evidence we can trust, just like a detective trying to solve a crime. A Level History is not just finding out what happened. It is about being able to make judgements about the validity of evidence or the correctness of opinions. Students will use information to explain why things happen, what consequences they might have, and whether they are important.

The Course

Year One

- Unit 1 - Wales and England 1780-1880. The protests and reforms of the period, as well as the development of more modern political parties
- Unit 2 - The German Reformation 1500-1531. The origins and initial spread of the Reformation in Germany

Year Two

- Unit 3 - The American Century 1890-1990. The changes in civil rights and foreign policy during this period
- Unit 4 - The Protestant and Counter Reformations 1531-1564. Covering the development of the Reformation beyond Germany and the Catholic response to it
- Unit 5 - Non-Examined Assessment. An independently researched investigation into a topic relating to British or American history



Assessment

AS - Year 12
Unit 1 and 2 written examinations worth 40% of the final A Level grade

A Level - Year 13
Unit 3 and 4 written examinations each worth 20%.
Unit 5 is coursework and worth 20% of the A Level grade

Entry Requirement

- GCSE grade B/6 in History
- GCSE grade B/6 in English Language, the course does require in depth reading and writing
- GCSE grade C/4 in Maths

Further Information

A love of History is a good place to start, but willingness to read around the topics studied and write at length is also important as well.



Links to Future Careers

Students will develop critical reasoning and analytical skills, as well as the capacity for solving problems and thinking creatively. Students will demonstrate intellectual rigour and independence, together with the capacity to conduct detailed research.

- Archivist
- Heritage Management
- Curation
- Education
- Conservation
- Historical Research
- Archaeology
- Librarian Management
- Foreign Service
- Geneology
- Law

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