

HISTORY

WJEC A LEVEL

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. It is about using information to explain why things happen, what consequences they might have, and whether or not they are important.

The Course Involves:

Year One:

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

Year Two:

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

"The past is a foreign country: they do things differently there."

L. P. HARTLEY from his novel *The Go Between*.

Assessment

- **AS** – Two written examinations will comprise 100% of the AS grade and 40% of the A Level grade.
- **A Level** - Two further written examinations and a non-examined assessment will make up the final 60% of the A Level.

Particular Subjects, Skills or Interests

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. As a minimum we would expect you to have at least a grade B/6 in GCSE History and ideally a grade B/6 in GCSE English as the course does require a lot of reading and writing.

Post-18 Opportunities

History is a widely respected A Level qualification and shows potential universities and employers that you are capable of high level independent academic study. History is also considered to be a good starting point for careers in politics, law and journalism.

Subject Leader: Mr R. Quinn

Subject Champions

2020/21



Sheridan McQuaid

Studying: History, Sociology, Psychology, English Literature & Welsh Baccalaureate.

Future aspirations: employment.

Sophie Roberts

Studying: History, Psychology, Biology & Welsh Baccalaureate.

Future aspirations: to study psychology at university.

"History is a subject that is highly recognised in a wide range of different professions such as Law. The course is split into different modules which allow you to study different issues that help shape the society we live in. History compliments so many other subjects as the work requires highly developed literacy skills and a keen analytical mind."