



Kimberley
School

A Level **HISTORY**

SIXTH FORM
HUMANITIES

What is History?

History is the study of the past. At A level, students develop expertise in historical skills and acquire knowledge and understanding through the ability to study a wide range of topics in British, European and World History from the Early Modern period through to the late twentieth century.

Who is it for?

History is for anyone who has an interest in the past and how it effects the present. The skills that are needed in History i.e. the ability to investigate and interpret events and people, are skills that are in great demand in the world of work.

History is a highly regarded qualification because of its academic rigour and the transferability of the skills it develops.

What will I study?

If you opt for the History A level, you must cover the 3 topics below over the two-year period. These are:

1. A Modern European and World History Period Study – this will be;

Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-1963

This unit will be assessed in two ways. Firstly, students will carry out an investigation on a specific topic of interest within the unit. They will then be required to complete a 3,000-4,000-word essay of which will account for 20% of your overall A level. Additionally, students will be expected to sit a 1-hour exam based on the unit which will account for an additional 15% of their A level.

2. A British History Enquiry – this will be;

The Early Stuarts and the Origins of the Civil War 1603–1660

The assessment for this unit therefore has two sections. The first section is a document study, giving students the chance to demonstrate their source skills. The second section, dealing with the period study, gives students the chance to demonstrate their extended writing skills by providing a choice of questions, from which they answer one. Students will sit an exam of 1 hour 30 minutes which will account for 25% of their overall A level.

3. Historical Themes

Russia and its Rulers 1855-1964

The unit focusses on both a thematic essay and an interpretation section. Both of which will be assessed during a 2.5 hour exam which students will sit at the end of the course. This unit carries 40 the final 40% of the A level course.

The course is made up of:

Year 12

Unit 1: Modern European and World History Period Study

Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-63

The key issues in this unit are the strength of Weimar Germany in the 1920s, how and why the Nazi Party came to power? How did the Nazis maintain their position in power after 1933? How successful were Hitler's economic and social policies? Why was Germany divided after the Second World War? How successful was Adenauer as Chancellor from 1949 to 1963?

Unit 2: British History Enquiry

The Early Stuarts and the Origins of the Civil War 1603–1660

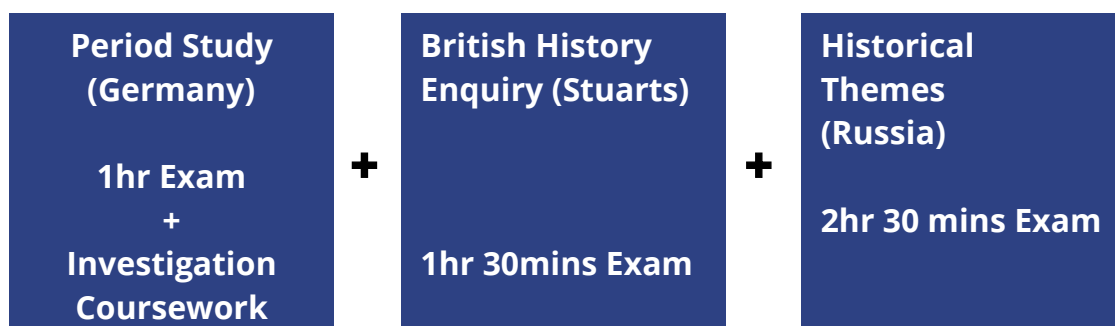
Students will examine England under James I and then his son Charles I. They will assess reasons for the outbreak of the English Civil War and focus on the events that brought about the interregnum period under Cromwell. Students will also study England under Cromwell before looking at the lead up to the Restoration.

Unit 3: Historical Themes

Russia and its Rulers 1855-1964

This theme focuses on the nature of Russian government and its impact on the Russian people and society. Students should understand the similarities and differences between the autocratic rule of the Tsars to 1917 and the Communist dictatorship that followed. They will know the main developments and turning points relevant to the theme.

How will I be assessed?



See Miss Brett, Mr. Wharmby, Mr. Park, Mr Chambers, Mr. Tuck or Miss Hall for further details.

