Brigshaw SIXTH FORM

(AQA) - A Level

HISTORY

History is about interpreting the past and using evidence to support your argument. Have you considered that much of the history you study is written by the victors?

Do you always believe what you read? This course will open your eyes to the world you live in and make you reflect on key events from the past 500 years. You will explore British and World history, including the rise of communism in Russia, the rise and fall of the second British Empire and investigate the European Witch Craze for your independent coursework.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

A historian is trained to look at events in a wide-ranging way. History presents a systematic approach to assessing the value of evidence and encourages students to not always take information at face value. History is an academic and rigorous subject at A-level and fantastic preparation for many university courses which require students to complete independent research and extended writing.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE:

History at grade 5 and English at grade 5.

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COURSE CONTENT & ASSESSMENT

A Breadth Study: 1J The British Empire, c1857-1967

This option allows students to study in breadth issues of change, continuity, cause and consequence in this period through the following key themes:

- The High Water Mark of the British Empire, c1857-1914, The development of Imperialism
- Imperial Retreat, 1914-1967

Depth Study: 2N Revolution and Dictatorship: Russia, 1917-1953

This option provides for the study in depth of the rising power and consolidation of communism in Russia. It explores concepts such as Marxism, Leninism and Stalinism alongside methods of ideological control and dictatorship. It also enables students to consider issues of political authority, the power of individuals and the inter-relationship of governmental, economic and social change.

Coursework: The European Witch Craze of the 14th & 17th Century

This independent research task prepares students for further study at university. After introductory lectures about the key themes of the European Witch Craze, students have the chance to choose their own essay question and area of time and place to focus on. Students are trained in how to complete academic extended research and then write a 4,500 word essay under the supervision of regular check-in meetings.

EXAMINATIONS Year 13

- **2.5 Hour Paper 1: The British Empire**
- **2.5 Hour Paper 2: Revolution and Dictatorship: Russia**
- **Coursework: 4,500 word essay on the European Witch Craze**