



St Margaret Ward
Catholic Academy
Sixth Form

HISTORY

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What is the level of course I will take?

A Level History with AQA

What level of GCSEs do I need to take this course?

Minimum of 5 x GCSE grade 5. There is no requirement to have taken GCSE History.

How will I be assessed?

Component 1 (Breadth study): Written exam (40% of qualification).

Component 2 (Depth study): Written exam (40% of qualification).

Component 3 (Historical Investigation): as a Non-exam assessment this is a personal study of the student's choice which takes the form of a question in the context of approximately 100 years (20% of qualification).



Course Content

The Making of Modern Britain 1951 – 2007 (depth study) focuses on the key political, social, economic and international changes that helped shaped Britain in the second half of the Twentieth Century. To do this we will explore concepts such as class, social division, cultural change and the impact of international events. Change and continuity across this period

Content: Post war settlement, consensus, 1960's Britain social change, The Cold War, Britain, America and Vietnam. 1970's the breakdown of consensus, 1979 the election of Margaret Thatcher, Thatcherism, industrial decline, Falkland's war, the split in Labour and the formation of the SDP, mass unemployment /changes in society, miners' strike 84-85, Thatcher as an international figure, relations with America, Labour under Kinnock, John Major and Conservatism, Northern Ireland, sleaze and the end of Tory rule, the election and leadership of Blair.

The making of a Super Power... America 1865 -1975 (breadth study) focuses on a breadth study of America between these dates.

Content: Abraham Lincoln, the Civil War, Wilson and WWI, the political weakness of presidents, political corruption, racism, social division and unity between the North and South, the growth of big business and the emergence of the USA as a dominant economic and industrial power, issues surrounding immigration, the 'Jazz age' America in the 1920's, prohibition and the rise of gangsters (Al Capone), boom and bust, the Great depression, Klu Klux Klan, American isolationism, WW2, the Cold War, nuclear age, JFK, space race, Vietnam, Nixon and Watergate.

Non exam assessment - an independently produced essay based on the economic, social and political reforms in Russia 1800-1917.

How will the course help me after Sixth Form?

Students find history stimulating and a subject which both stretches and informs. Many students go on to study history at university. Russell Group Universities see history as a rigorous academic subject. A recent survey found more history graduates than any other type dominated jobs within the top 100 listed companies. History gives you insight, skills of analysis and evaluation. Many historians specialise in fields such as the law or journalism



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