

KS5 History

Students will sit Edexcel A level History at the end of year 13. The examinations will make up 80% of their overall grade whilst the remaining 20% will be from coursework.

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Paper 1 - Britain, 1625–1701: conflict, revolution and settlement - This option comprises a study in breadth, in which students will learn about key features of monarchical and republican rule in Britain in the seventeenth century set within the context of broader social, economic and religious change. The events of this period saw a decisive shift in the balance of power between crown and parliament and laid the foundations for our government today.

The focus of study is on developments and changes over a broad timescale and so the content is presented as themes spanning a significant duration: 1625–88. This option also contains a study in depth of historical interpretations on a broad question that is contextualised by, and runs on from, the themes: how revolutionary, in the years to 1701, was the Glorious Revolution of 1688–89?

Paper 3 - Civil rights and race relations in the USA 1850-2009 - This option comprises two parts: the aspects in breadth focus on long-term changes and contextualise the aspects in depth, which focus in detail on key episodes. Together, the breadth and depth topics explore developments that have shaped contemporary America and remain important in US society: the changing pattern of race relations between black and white Americans, both in terms of civil rights and also broader social and cultural changes over a period that began with millions of black Americans in slavery and ended with Barack Obama as president.

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Paper 2 - Russia in revolution, 1894–1924 - This option comprises a study in depth of the causes, course and consolidation of the Russian Revolution of 1917, which had a momentous effect on twentieth-century Russia and throughout the modern world. Students will gain an in-depth understanding of revolutionary activity in Russia in the years 1894 to 1917, the response of successive governments to opposition to their rule, and the reasons for the successful consolidation of the revolution of October 1917 under Lenin and the Bolsheviks.

Coursework - The Role of Hitler in the Holocaust 1939-1945 - This option involves students conducting substantial independent research to come to a judgement on a historical controversy. This year's coursework question focuses on how far the Final Solution was a master plan on the part of Adolf Hitler. Students

must undertake a period of independent research during which they receive tutorials to guide them. Following their research, they evaluate three chosen historical works through writing a 4000-word essay. This is excellent preparation for study in higher education as students have the freedom to conduct their own research and then complete a piece of formal academic writing.