



History

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Course Aims

This course aims to equip students with an in-depth knowledge of the key historical events and developments which have shaped Anglo-American society since the First World War.

Through a combination of breadth studies (change over an extended period of time) and depth studies (individuals and events in detail) our students will develop an understanding of the political, social, and economic developments of the last one hundred years of Britain and America.

Qualifications and Qualities Needed

A grade 6 in GCSE History and a grade 6 in English if the subject has not been studied at GCSE.

As a subject rooted in extended written work, essay writing, and extensive reading it is essential that students have a very good standard of written English and communication.

Course Structure

A-level History at Sandringham is unashamedly modern: we believe it is vital for our students, as citizens of an ever-changing world, to be able to interpret the world in light of its recent historical context.

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Unit 1: A study in breadth - Britain Transformed: 1918-1997

A study in depth – Interpretations of Thatcher

Unit 2: A study in depth - The USA 1955-1992: Conformity and challenge

American Civil Rights and US political history

Unit 3: Protest, agitations, and parliamentary reform in Britain: 1780–1928

Unit 4: Controlled Assessment: A study in depth which will investigate different historical perspectives on a given controversial issue. Students will study how different societies and historians, and the media have interpreted significant events and individuals.

Textbooks

Students will be asked to purchase one core textbook in Year 12, and one in Year 13. We endeavour to provide all students with access to a wide variety of additional texts, journals, and scholarly articles.

Future Pathways

History is a well-respected qualification that is highly-prized by both employers and universities alike. As a 'traditional' academic written discipline, History will enable our students to pursue a wide range of careers and pathways including law, accounting, academia, media, journalism, politics, and teaching.

A significant number of our students go on to pursue History to degree level each year, at a range of top-flight universities including Oxford and Cambridge.