

# 6<sup>th</sup> Form Courses

## HISTORY



- Is the 'American Dream' a reality for all Americans?
- Was Nelson Mandela *really* responsible for ending apartheid in South Africa?
- Was Anne Boleyn responsible for turning Henry VIII into a tyrant?
- Why do Historians disagree over issues from the past?

By studying A Level History you will be able to answer all these questions and more!

*"History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again."*

**Maya Angelou**

## A Level History (Edexcel)

### What is the course like?

In A Level History you will study a mixture of traditional and non-traditional topics over a minimum of a 200-year time-span. History thrives on debating and challenging different perspectives surrounding why attitudes and behaviours in societies (across the world) have changed over time. History offers opportunities to visit historical landmarks in the UK, such as Hampton Court and the Tower of London, as well as opportunities to hear from leading historians on our exam topics.

### Course content

Paper 1: 'In Search of the American Dream: the USA, 1917-1980.'

Paper 2: South Africa, 1948-94: from apartheid state to 'rainbow nation'.

Paper 3: Rebellion and Disorder under the Tudors, 1485-1603.

Paper 4: Coursework – students can choose their own coursework title, which focuses on where historians have debated and disagreed on controversial issues in the past.

Popular topics include: Nazi Germany; the Cold War (e.g. was the atomic bomb of 1945 justified?); witch craze and more.

Within these topics' students will study topics including the following; the fight for equality amongst minorities in the USA, including: African-Americans, homosexuals, Native Americans and Hispanics; the impact of WWI & WWII on the USA; the Sharpeville Massacre; Nelson Mandela's arrest; the War of the Roses; Henry VIII and his tyrannical rule and much more.

### Entry requirement

5 GCSEs at 9-5 including English and Maths

### Duration

2 years

### How will I be assessed?

You will have three exams at the end of your second year and one piece of coursework. Paper 1 and Paper 3 are 2hrs 15mins in length and are worth 60 marks each, Paper 2 is 1hr 30mins and is worth 40 marks. Coursework will be submitted by Easter-break in your second year.

### Where does it lead?

History is a versatile subject that can help you in a number of careers as well as gain entry to university History is also a well-valued subject by many employers and Russell Group universities due to the skills you gain whilst studying this subject. You could find yourself working as a researcher or historical expert for TV, film and media, to working in big corporate businesses, museums and archives, you could even become the next Prime Minister with qualifications in History!

Students have gone on to study University courses such as; International Relations; Sociology; Psychology; History; Law; Business Studies.

### **Is this course suitable for me?**

Yes, if you prefer a more academic approach to learning, assessment is based on understanding, knowledge, application, analysis and evaluation. If you enjoy discussions, problem solving, independent research and reading and you have a genuine interest in how the past has shaped our world today then this course could be for you.

### **Additional Information**

- Students will have the opportunity to attend lectures delivered by leading figures through our partnership with Wellington College.
- Students will be eligible for trips to historical sites such as Hampton Court and the Tower of London.
- Students will have the opportunity to ask questions at lectures and seminars which are presented by leading historians.
- Students will be expected have a genuine interest in the subject and read around the topics taught (Ms Fiske has a collection of books which can be borrowed).

## How to Apply

- Complete and return an application form. Application forms are available from the Wellington Academy website: [www.thewellingtonacademy.org.uk](http://www.thewellingtonacademy.org.uk).
- Your completed application should be returned to Dave Bissington, Head of 6<sup>th</sup> Form, this can be done either via your tutor (if internal) or delivered to the school reception.
- Alternatively please complete an online form, found under 2021 – Applications on the 6<sup>th</sup> Form tab.
- You will have an individual course consultation, during which provisional courses will be agreed.
- The offer of the course will be conditional upon you meeting the required entry grades, any subject specific criteria and having a suitable reference from your previous school.
- Your final interview will be held immediately after you have received your GCSE results. This is when your actual offer is negotiated and confirmed.

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