# EDEXCEL - A LEVEL HISTORY



A Level History allows students to investigate both British and World History and investigate some of the most important events that have shaped the world today. This course allows students to form their own opinions and judgements and use evidence to back up their ideas and theories. We do not expect students to have any prior knowledge of the units they will study.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE History or GCSE English Language – Grade 5 or above

## COURSE CONTENT

### Year 12

#### Unit 1

In search of the American Dream: the USA, c1917-96 (30%)

#### Unit 2

South Africa, 1948-94 From Apartheid state to 'rainbow nation' (20%)

#### Year 13

#### Unit 1

Ireland and the Union c1774-1923 (30%)

#### Unit 2

Russia Coursework on Stalin (20%)

#### **PROGRESSION**

A Level History helps improve understanding of historical events, but it also helps to achieve skills that are instrumental in many different career paths. These skills include examining, essay writing, researching, communication and problemsolving.

#### **ASSESSMENT**

Students will sit three exams at the end of Year 13 and will complete one piece of coursework which is worth 20% of their final grade.

#### SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

History can be studied in combination with a wide variety of subjects, but is often paired with Politics, English or EPT.

#### **FUTURES**

History provides an excellent pathway to degrees such as History, Law, English and Philosophy. Beyond that it can lead to a range of interesting careers, such as Law, Teaching, Archaeology, Reporter, Political Analyst, Heritage Management, Criminology, Police.