

History

Examination Board: Edexcel

A Level in History: H505

What will I learn?

The A Level History course at Halliford seeks to expose students to a wide variety of topics and themes in order to develop a broad historical perspective. In Lower Sixth, students study the Early Tudors from Henry VII through to Mary I. They learn about the establishment of the Tudor dynasty under Henry VII, Henry VIII's religious changes, the Mid-Tudor Crisis caused by the accession of the child king Edward VI followed by his sister Mary I, considering the themes of rebellion and how this affected the stability of the monarchy. This is complemented with a non-British period study of Russia between 1894 and 1941, examining the dying days of Tsardom, the causes and consequences of the Russian Revolution, the establishment of a Bolshevik state and the subsequent dictatorship of Stalin. In Upper Sixth, we study US Civil Rights from 1865-1992. This broad course includes the African-American civil rights movement, and also women's rights and feminist movements, Native American civil rights movement, and the effect of the New Deal on workers rights. Students will also research and complete a 3000-4000 word coursework essay on a topic of their choice.

Who is the course suited to?

The course is suited to students who have a keen interest in History. They may choose A Level History in conjunction with other Arts and Humanities subjects or they choose it to provide a contrast to Science Subjects. It is not necessary for students to have taken GCSE History in order take A Level.

What is the structure of the course

Unit 1

(25% of total A Level)

British period study and enquiry: England 1485-1558: the Early Tudors

Unit 3

(40% of total A Level)

Thematic study and historical interpretation: Civil Rights in the USA 1865-1992
(to be confirmed)

Unit 2

(15% of total A Level)

Non-British period study : Russia between 1894 and 1941

Unit 4:

(20% of total A Level)

Topic based essay (Coursework): Learners will complete 3000-4000 word essay on a topic of their choice, which may arise out of content studied elsewhere in the course. This is internally assessed.

Assessment

A Level: Three exams and coursework

Reasons to consider doing History at A Level:

- You will develop an understanding of how Britain and America today have been shaped by developments in the twentieth century.
- You will develop skills that will prove very useful in many professional careers such as assimilating information and being able to make cohesive oral and written arguments.