



HISTORY

Advanced General Certificate of Education (AS and A2)

WHY HISTORY?

It is difficult to avoid the impact of History in our modern world. We are living with the consequences of past events every day. A good historical education is essential to understand your world! Employers and universities know that students of History have developed a number of skills that can be applied to any situation. They know that:

- You are able to gather information from a range of sources
- You understand different points of view and can detect bias and propaganda
- You can reach a balanced judgement based on reliable evidence

The research, analytical and presentational skills you learn in History are precisely the skills you need to operate in the world of work.

Progression

History has a huge amount of transferable skills which can be used in a wide range of interesting, stimulating and challenging careers.

Legal profession

Police

Archaeology / Historian

Journalism / Media

Teaching

Research

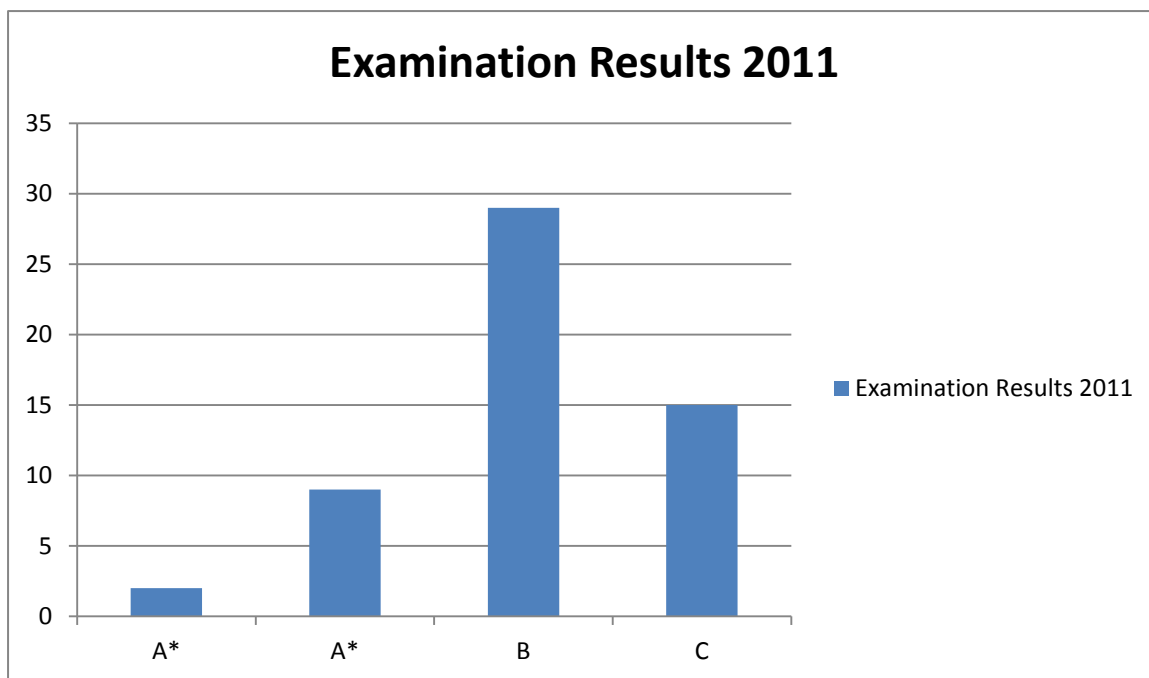
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Trips

We currently visit Berlin and Krakow, including a trip to Auschwitz Concentration and Death Camp at the end of 61. This trip lasts for 5 days and is very popular. We are also looking into an overnight trip to the WWI battlefields to tie in with the 61 unit on Peace and War.

SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 6 GCSEs (Grades A* - C)
- Grade B in GCSE History
- Grade B in GCSE English



COURSE DETAILS

OCR Syllabus History A

You will study 4 Units as follows:

Unit F962

Option B European and World History Depth Studies

Option B Modern History 1795 – 2003.

Peace and War: International Relations c.1890–1941

Key Issues

1. Assess the causes of the First World War.
2. Why did the First World War last so long before Germany was defeated?
3. Assess the aims, the terms and the immediate impact of the Paris peace settlement.
4. Assess the success of international diplomacy in resolving disputes in the 1920s.
5. Assess the reasons for the outbreak of War in Europe in 1939.
6. Assess the reasons for war in Asia to 1941.



Unit F963 British History Enquiries

Option B Modern 1815-1945. England and a New Century 1900-1924

Key Issues

Why were the fortunes of the political parties so varied in the period from 1900 to 1914?

How did war and the problems it bequeathed affect the political parties from 1918 to 1924?

What demands were there for constitutional change and how important were they for democracy and the future of the political parties

What were the causes, nature and impact of social reform in the period from 1900 to 1924?

F965 Historical Investigations and Interpretations

This is a coursework unit, with two 2,000 word pieces – one focusing on **Interpretations** and the development of the Cold War 1945-56. The other focusing on **Investigations** with a range of topics available:

1. The Reign of King John 1199-1215*
2. The Wars of the Roses 1450-85*
3. Elizabeth I 1558-1603*
4. Oliver Cromwell 1599-1658*
5. British India 1815-78
6. Napoleon I 1795-1815**
7. America between Wars 1918-41
8. The Causes of World War II 1918-41*
9. The War in Vietnam 1955-75*
10. The Development of Rights for Women in Great Britain 1867-1918
11. Nazi Germany 1933-45*

F966 Historical Themes

Option B Modern 1789-1997. Russia and its Rulers 1855-1964

This theme This theme focuses on the nature of Russian government and its impact on the Russian people and society. Candidates should understand the similarities and differences between the autocratic rule of the tsars to 1917 and the subsequent Communist dictatorship but are **not** expected to have a detailed knowledge of the events of 1917.