

A LEVEL HISTORY



Course description

Awarding Body: AQA

Examinations

1D Stuart Britain and the Crisis of Monarchy, 1603-1702

2N: Revolution and Dictatorship: Russia 1917-1953

Non Examined Assessment

A historical topic of your choice (3500-4500 words)

Course content

Studying History at Newstead Wood School presents an exciting opportunity to study both early modern and C20th History. A Level students must take assessments in all three of the following components.

Component 1D: Stuart Britain and the Crisis of Monarchy 1603-1701

This component looks at the Stuart dynasty and the descent into Civil War and the execution of Charles I. Students will study Oliver Cromwell's Protectorate and the restoration of Charles II in 1660 before learning about the Exclusion Crisis and the Glorious Revolution and subsequent Bill of Rights.

40% of final A level, examined in one paper of 2.5 hours

Students study 1D for two hours per week

Component 2N: Revolution and Dictatorship: Russia 1917-1953

This option provides for the study in depth of the coming and practice of communism in Russia. It explores concepts such as Marxism, communism, Leninism, and Stalinism, ideological control and dictatorship. It also enables students to consider issues of political authority, the power of individuals and the inter-relationship of governmental and economic and social change. 40% of final A level, examined in one paper of 2.5 hours

Students study 2P for two hours per week

Non-Examined Assessment (NEA)

Students complete an independently researched essay on a historical topic of their choice which covers a 100-year period. The final essay is 3500-4500 words and includes the evaluation of three sources and an assessment of the historical debate which surrounds their question.

20% of final A level, internally assessed and externally moderated by AQA

Students have one period a week to work on their NEA (Non-Exam Assessment).

Entry requirements

Students are required to have achieved at least a Level 7 at GCSE to study History at A level.

History is a popular choice for students who want to go on to read History, Law, HSPS, Politics, International Relations, and PPE at university. We have 15 students in Year 13 and 18 in Year 12. This year we have four students applying to read History or History and Politics at Oxbridge.