

History

About the course

History at A Level is a highly esteemed qualification which offers genuine opportunities to develop important personal skills as well as enabling students to keep their options open in terms of higher education and career choice. Studying History at A Level involves students becoming involved much more in the actual work of historians than at GCSE. There will be opportunities for genuine original research and for participating in wider debates about the fundamental features of human society.

Year 12

In Year 12 students study history that will be examined in Papers 1 and 2 at the end of the year.

The theme for the year is [Revolutions in early modern and modern Europe](#). The topic examined in Paper 1 is [Britain, 1625-1701: Conflict, revolution and settlement](#).

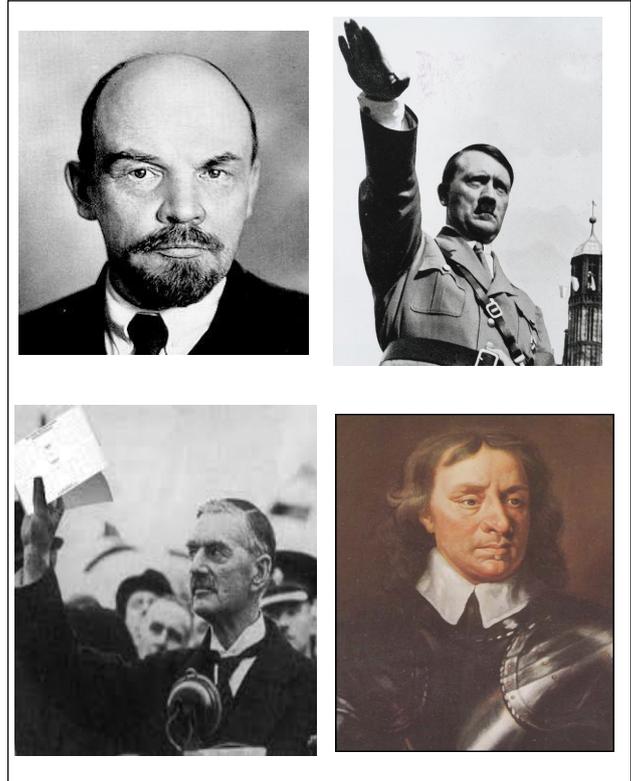
Paper 2 is [Russia in revolution, 1894-1924](#)

Year 13

In Year 13 students study history that will be examined in Paper 3 at the end of the year. They also complete a coursework module assignment of between 3000 - 4000 words.

The topic examined in Paper 3 is [Germany 1871-1990: United, divided and reunited](#).

The coursework consists of a single assignment on a question based on *the appropriateness of the policy of appeasement in the build-up to World War II*. The assignment will assess students' ability to carry out an historical enquiry, analysing and evaluating historical interpretations and organising and communicating their findings.



History at St Mary's impressed me because it values the wider influences that drive civilisation
Kieran, Year 13

How it will be assessed

Topics 1 - 3 by external examination. Topic 4 (coursework) is assessed internally and externally moderated.

What it prepares you for

Studying History enables students to keep their options open when going into university and choosing careers. Previous students have gone into teaching, accounting, journalism, politics and many other realms. History students tend to be able to write well and clearly, to make judgements confidently and be able to see through the ploys and tactics of others.

