



Wakefield Girls' High School
Wakefield

Technical Information

A-level

A-level Course Title	Unit Code	Awarding Body
History	9H10	EDEXCEL

A-level Examinations:

Name	Method of Assessment	Marks
Unit 1: Russia, 1917–91	Examination	30%
Unit 2: The German Democratic Republic OR Mao's China	Examination	20%
Unit 3: Poverty, Public Health & The State in Britain OR Ireland and the Union	Examination for Paper 3	30%
Unit 4: Coursework	Internal Assessment for Paper 4	20%

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Course Guide

A-level History

History

Background Knowledge and Qualifications

We strongly recommend that all girls opting to study any of the Sixth Form History courses should also have studied History at GCSE. Beyond that, what is most important is a lively interest and enjoyment in the subject. We want students to arrive at their lessons ready to confront big issues and to discuss, debate and question!

Course Description

History is at the intersection of lives being lived and those that have gone before. It is the collective record of humanity in all of its ambiguity – glory, progress, pain and sorrow. To understand the past is to shed new light upon the present and to begin to appreciate the complexity and diversity of human experience.

Our A Level History programme is exciting, dynamic and relevant. Students are challenged to engage with many enduring debates which still resonate heavily in contemporary society. Questions of state action & personal responsibility; liberty & authority and self-determination & subjugation permeate the course – encouraging girls to reflect critically about the world in which we live.

Course Components

Unit 1

Russia, 1917–91: from Lenin to Yeltsin

Unit 2

The German Democratic Republic, 1949–90

Or

Mao's China, 1949–76

Unit 3

Poverty, public health and the state in Britain, c1780–1939

Or

Ireland and the Union, c1774–1923

Unit 4 (coursework)

Personal investigation into historical interpretations. Driven primarily by personal interests. Previous successful examples have included projects based on the career of Richard the Lionheart, Stalin's Russia and Nazi Germany.

Use of Course and Qualification

A History A-level provides you with all the necessary skills to obtain a high flying job in the twenty-first century. History can be studied at university or used as a basis for study of another subject. It is a highly respected qualification opening up careers in Law, TV, Journalism, Travel, Marketing, Finance, Management, Social Work etc – the list here goes on and on.

Above all, History teaches you to understand people, to research and to come to reasoned judgements – the ideal qualification for any worthwhile career!



Student Testimonial

Year 13 student
Proposed University
Course: History

A-level History develops your language and analytical skills as well as providing you with enjoyable lessons. Lessons are conducted in a very interesting way and provide you with a fascinating insight into the lives of romantically tragic figures.