KS5 | Curriculum
History

THE WALDERSLADE & GREENACRE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

Qualification type / Exam Board

A-Level / AQA

What will I learn about?

We study two topics for the History A Level, but students will research a third topic independently for their coursework module.

- The first topic is the breadth study. Students will study Tsarist and Communist Russia, 1855-1964, exploring Russia's transformation from Tsarist autocracy to communist superpower. They will investigate revolution, dictatorship, economic and social change, and the impact of key individuals, ideologies and events.
- The second topic is the depth study. Students will study The Making of Modern Britain, 1951-2007, examining political, economic and social developments in post-war Britain. They will explore changing governments, economic policies, immigration, Britain's relationship with Europe, and the role of key political leaders and groups in shaping modern Britain.
- Students will do their own independent research into the topic of the Witch Craze in Europe. Students will find a variety of primary and secondary sources and will be expected to complete an essay to answer a specific question based on this.

How is my work assessed?

80% Examination and 20% Coursework Essay
There are two written examinations, each lasting 2 hours and 30 minutes.

- **Paper 1: Tsarist and Communist Russia**. 80 marks. 40% of the overall grade.
- **Paper 2: The Making of Modern Britain**. 80 marks. 40% of the overall grade.
- **Historical Investigation**: 3500-4500 word essay. 40 marks. 20% of the overall grade.

What should I consider before starting this subject?

Students should be confident at extended or essay writing and have a strong grasp of the historical skills introduced at GCSE-level.

Why is this course useful and what might it lead to?

A level History is a good course to have for a range of occupations and future learning. Students can go on to complete a university degree in History or in other subjects within the humanities and social sciences. History careers can include being an academic historian, researcher, archivist, conservator, heritage manager and many others.

Entry requirements

GCSE History and English at 4 and above.

Where can I find more information?

Speak to Mr Evans Berry or visit https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/history/as-level/history-7041/specification.