

HISTORY

Subject title	History
Exam board	Edexcel
Specification number	9H1o
Time allowance each week	5 hours

Assessment and coursework

Types of assessment

Unit 1: Exam 30% of A2

Unit 2: Exam 20% of A2

Unit 3: Exam 30% of A2

Unit 4: Coursework: 20% of A2

Nature of assessments

Paper 1- Russia 1917-1991 from Lenin to Yeltsin (30%)

Paper 2 -Mao's China (20%)

Paper 3- Lancastrians, Yorkists and Henry VII, 1399-1509 (30%) Paper 4- Coursework from a choice of 5 (20%)

Topics covered during the course

RUSSIA

This option comprises a study in depth of the causes, course and consolidation of the Russian Revolution of 1917, which had a momentous effect on twentieth-century Russia and throughout the modern world.

Students will gain an in-depth understanding of how the Bolsheviks secured their power and how this led to the totalitarian rule of Stalin. We will then look at the leadership of Khrushchev and Brezhnev to see whether they moved nearer, or further away, from communist principles. Finally we look at Gorbachev, under whose leadership the Cold War ended, the Berlin wall came down and the USSR collapsed.

MAO'S CHINA

This option comprises a study in depth of the transformation of communist China in the years 1949–76. The aftershocks of these changes are still being felt today as China emerges as a great economic and political power on the world stage. Students will gain an in-depth understanding of the nature and extent of change in this period, the effects of Mao Zedong's policies on the lives of the Chinese people, and Mao's role in driving dramatic political, social and economic changes.

Lancastrians, Yorkists and Henry VII, 1399-1509

This option comprises two parts: the *Aspects in breadth* focus on long-term changes and contextualise the *Aspects in depth*, which focus in detail on key episodes. Together, the breadth and depth topics explore the dramatic developments in late medieval England that centred around the personalities and political skills of a series of kings, queens and their powerful subjects, and the impact of these developments on the kingdom. Within the

primarily political focus on the nature of kingship and authority in England, this option also explores the wider social and economic contexts of political struggle.

Home study

Expected time allocation for the subject

4x60 minutes each week; there may be a higher workload during times when preparation for exams.

Help for home study

Malmesbury Moodle

Additional support for the course

You may like to use the following sources to support your learning during the course

Text book

Edexcel GCE: Communists States

Revision guide

These are supplied by the History department in the run up to the exams.

Other sources of help

Revision sessions after school prior to exams

Specialist section in the library