History

CANNOCK CHASE HIGH SCHOOL
ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL

Course: A Level History

Entry Requirements: History GCSE grade 5 or above or 5 other 9-4 grades Inc. English and Maths.

Aims of the Course:

- Develop transferable skills including communication and argument, comprehension and evaluation, investigation, analysis and judgement.
- To build on an understanding of the past through experiencing a broad and balanced course of study.
- Development of effective and independent students and as critical and reflective thinkers with curious and enquiring minds.
- To develop the ability to ask relevant and significant questions about the past and to research them.
- To develop their use and understanding of historical terms, concepts and skills.
- To make links and draw comparisons within and/or across different periods and aspects of the past.

Students will learn to organise and communicate their historical knowledge in different ways including arguing a case and reaching substantiated judgements

Course Content:

- The A Level specification requires students to study:
- The history of more than one country including at least one outside of the British Isles;
- Significant individuals, societies, events, developments and issues within a broad historical context;
- Developments affecting different groups within society;
- A substantial element of British history.

A Level Content:

- The Making of Modern Britain, 1951 – 2007 **(40% of A Level - 2-hour 30 minutes exam)**
- Tsarist and Communist Russia, 1855 – 1964 **(40% of A Level – 2-hour 30 minutes exam)**
- Topic based essay – The Tudors **(20% of A Level – 3,500 – 4,500-word essay)**

Assessment:
The A level specification requires students to regularly write essays and to complete externally assessed written exams. In addition, students are required to carry out a historical enquiry that is independently researched and that investigates a specific historical question, problem or issue; this should utilise students' knowledge and skills.

Career Opportunities:
These include Journalism, Law, Banking, Police, Teaching and a range of business and commercial vocations. History is a highly valued academic qualification.

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