

Course Title	History
Exam Board	Edexcel
Course Description:	
<p>Paper 1 (30%) Germany and West Germany 1918-89 This option comprises a study in breadth, in which students will learn about key political changes experienced in a unified Germany and then in West Germany after the Second World War, and the impact of these changes on German economic, social and cultural developments. This option also contains a study in depth of historical interpretations on a broad question, which is contextualised by, and runs parallel to, the themes: how far was Hitler’s foreign policy responsible for the Second World War?</p> <p>Paper 2 (20%) The rise and fall of fascism in Italy, c1911–46 This option comprises a study in depth of the turbulent years in Italy that saw the collapse of the liberal state, the creation of a fascist dictatorship and a return to democracy in the aftermath of the Second World War. Students will gain an in-depth understanding of the extent and nature of the profound political, economic and social changes experienced by the Italian people in the years c1911–1946 and how the failure to create a stable, democratic Italian state in the early twentieth century led to the rise of a new political ideology and a personal dictatorship.</p> <p>Paper 3 (30%) The British experience of warfare, c1790–1918 The breadth and depth topics explore the British experience of war in different aspects of major overseas conflicts and the changing relationship between the state and the people as the government attempted to create an effective fighting machine and prepare the people for war. Within the primarily military focus on the experience of warfare, this option also gives students the opportunity to explore its political, social and economic dimensions and their part in generating pressure for change.</p> <p>Paper 4 (20%) Coursework Element Students will explore the historiographical debate surrounding the causes of the First World War. This unit will involve personal research, leading to two pieces of coursework totaling approximately 4000 words. It will be studied and completed at the beginning of Year 13, with submission for entry in January</p>	
Admission Requirements:	
Grade 6 of higher in GCSE History.	
Additional Information:	
<p>You will enjoy this course if you are happy to argue a case, both in discussion and on paper. If you are prepared to do this, and are willing to read around the subject then you will get a great deal from this course. History combines well with almost any combination of subjects. This is particularly true of the Arts subjects, especially Politics, English, Economics, Classical Civilisation, Philosophy, Modern Languages and Latin. In addition, an increasing number of Science students are taking History at A Level to show potential employers they have a range of interests, are literate and able to understand human motivation.</p>	