



History – Standard Level

This course aims to promote the understanding of world history and in doing so encourages students to explore different cultures. The breadth of the course promotes international awareness and understanding, challenging students to look to the past explanations for current affairs. It is hoped that the courses will encourage students to develop a lasting interest in history.

Subject Areas

1. **Causes, practices and effects of war** – different types of warfare, origins and causes of war, nature of wars, effects and results. First and Second World Wars, Vietnam War, Civil War and Guerilla War are all studied in depth.
2. **The Cold War** – Origins of east west rivalry, nature of the Cold War, Cold War development and the end of the Cold War
3. **The emergence and development of PRC, 1946 to 1964** – addresses internal issues and the role of Mao Zedong in the development of the PRC

Assessment

Internal Investigation	Students undertake a historical investigation	25%
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Students are required to select an area of interest for investigation. This may be an event, individual or place and can be based on local history. Students devise their own hypothesis and use the methods of an historian to draw conclusions from historical sources and information used.

External Paper 1	1 hr – a document based paper drawn from the 20 th Century world history topics. Contains three sections with four questions in each. Students select one section and answer the four questions.	30%
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Paper 2	1 ½ hrs – essay based paper containing 30 questions, five on each of the six topics. Two questions to be answered coming from different topics.	45%
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