

What specification is taught?

OCR History (H505).

What will I be covering in Unit 1?

England 1377–1455 (Enquiry topic: Richard II 1377–1399)

This period of study will take students from Richard II's coronation, through the reigns of Henry IV and Henry V and finishing with the reign of Henry VI. The study will focus on the domestic and foreign policies of each King, covering such important events as The Peasants Revolt, The Percy Rebellion, the numerous assassination attempts, The Burning of John Badby and Cades Rebellion, to name just a few. The focus of this unit will be to develop the student's ability to analyse sources and question their validity, a skill which will be consolidated through the Historical Enquiry in Unit 4.



What will I be covering in Unit 2?



Russia 1894 - 1941

Unit 2 is a non-British Historical study, with an emphasis on use of knowledge, understanding and judgement. The focus of this Unit will be Russia 1894 - 1941, starting with study Russia under the tsarist system, including key social and economic problems facing Russia and the development of opposition to the Tsar. You will also consider reform in Russia following the 1905 Revolution. You will then study the Revolutions of 1917 and their impact on Russia, the Civil War and the rule of Lenin. Finally you will study the rise to power and rule of Stalin, including considering social, economic and foreign policies.

What will I be covering in Unit 3?

The Changing Nature of Warfare 1792–1945

This theme focuses on the changing nature and methods of land warfare during a period of significant change. Learners should draw their examples from the main wars of the period: the Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars, the Crimean War, the Wars of Unification (the 1859 Italian War, the Austro-Prussian War of 1866 and the Franco-Prussian war of 1870–1871), the American Civil War, the Russo-Japanese war, the First World War and the Second World War. Learners are not expected to demonstrate a detailed understanding of the specification content, except for the named in-depth studies, but are expected to know the main developments and turning points relevant to the theme.

What will I be covering in Unit 4?

Historical Enquiry

This unit requires far more independence from students as they will be asked to form their own questions, and carry out their own independent study.

How will I be assessed? All assessments take place in the summer of Year 13.

Unit 1 - 25% of final qualification - 1 hour 30 min source based examination externally assessed and marked.

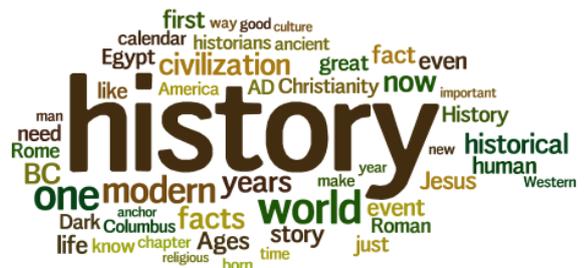
Unit 2 - 15% of final qualification - 1 hour essay based examination externally assessed and marked.

Unit 3 - 40% of final qualification - 2 hour 30 min examination externally assessed and marked.

Unit 4 - An independent study of 3000-4000 words. This will be worked on in class and marked internally.

What can I do with this subject?

History is clearly an essential subject for those who wish to pursue it at university but it also has a much broader relevance. It is highly appropriate to careers in law, journalism, politics and management, in fact any area in which the ability to evaluate information and present reasoned judgements is useful. Many of Britain's top company bosses have History degrees as well as Prime Ministers!



Specific entry requirements for this course

Students must achieve a B/6 grade at GCSE History. It is important that a B/6 is achieved in all examined units.

