

### SUBJECT GUIDE:

Exam Board: AQA  
1 year AS level

#### WHY CHOOSE HISTORY

*"Those who don't know history are destined to repeat it."*

History is a fascinating subject which enables us to arrive at a sense of our own identity, through a process of learning and understanding those events and individuals who played important roles in our past and shaped the world as we find it today.

#### HOW WE STUDY HISTORY

Classroom teaching, discussions and essay writing, audio/visual sources, practice how to answer and analysis of past exam papers.

#### LEARNING SKILLS REQUIRED

Students need to have developed the writing skills to enable them to express their ideas clearly and present interpretations of the past in a concise and comprehensive manner. An understanding of the framework in which history is studied and a broad knowledge of the chronology of the Modern British in International history will provide a solid foundation to these studies.

#### **Component 1: Breadth Study: Industrialization and the People of Britain, c.1783-1832**

**Course code:** 1F British Option

**Exam weighting:** 50% of total AS level marks

This unit explores the changing nature of the British economy, politics and society during the industrial revolution, French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars, Ireland and the Great Reform Act of 1832. The course will cover the Industrial Revolution, the Radical Movements, and early trade union movement as well as studying the governments of William Pitt, Lord Liverpool, the Duke of Wellington and Earl Grey.

#### **Component 2: Depth Study: 2R The Cold War c.1945-1963**

**Course code:** 2R

**Exam weighting:** 50% of the total GCE AS Level

The component covers the Cold War from 1945 to 1963.

The depth study will include the following topics: the early years of the Cold War, Berlin Crises, Soviet control of Central Europe and the Balkans, the "Loss of China" the Korean War, Early Confrontation in Asia, Arms Race, Poland and Hungary 1956, Superpower Relations and the Cuban Missile Crisis.

## HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

**Component 1:** Breadth Study 50% of the total AS Level mark, 1 hour 30 minutes written paper, 50 marks

**Component 2:** Depth study 50% of the total AS level mark, 1 hour 30 minute written paper, 50 marks

## COURSE READING LIST

**Oxford A Level History for AQA:**

Industrialization and the People of Britain, c. 1783-1885 by Ailsa Fortune ISBN 13: 978-0-1983-5453-6

**Oxford A Level History for AQA:** The Cold War, c.1945-1991 by John Aldred  
ISBN 13: 978-0-1983-5461-1

**AQA AS/A-Level History The Cold War** c.1945-1991, by Melanie Vance, Hodder Education, (2017), ISBN: 978-1-4718-7631-6

## THE TEACHER

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