

HISTORY

WHAT WILL I STUDY AND LEARN?

The course is divided into two main parts:

Year 12 Modules:

- Industrialisation and the people: the impact of industrialisation, government and change - Great Britain: 1783-1885.
- Italy: Liberalism and Fascism, the crisis of liberalism and the rise of Mussolini: 1900-1926.

Year 13 Modules:

- The Age of Reform in Britain: Political change and reform, economy society and politics: 1832-1885.
- Italy and Fascism, Mussolini, Italian society and the Fascist War: 1926-1945.
- Voyages of discovery: A personal study on an aspect of History. The student devises the question and conducts his/her own research.

Studying History is not just learning facts about the past, although you will need to do this. You will use a range of secondary works as well as studying original sources in order to arrive at an informed opinion on particular historical problems. As well as developing skills in note taking and essay writing, you will learn to analyse and select material of different kinds to support your arguments.

HOW IS IT TAUGHT?

A variety of teaching methods are used. Sometimes your teachers will present you with the information in the form of a 'mini-lecture'. At other times you will be asked to research a particular topic and report back on it in class. There will be opportunities for discussion and debate. Written assignments will include essays, focused questions and source work.

HOW WILL HISTORY HELP ME?

There are a number of professions that expect History as a qualification, such as museum or archive work and branches of archaeology. But the skills and intellectual discipline involved are transferable and make History one of the most sought after non-vocational subjects, since it indicates that highly desirable commodity - a mind at work. The Law, Police, consultancy, politics, economics, all branches of the Civil Service, Management, any area where informed decisions have to be made, will welcome the History skills.

EXTRA ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least a grade 5 in GCSE English Language.

Study of GCSE History is not essential but those who have are required to have at least a grade 6.

WHO DO I SEE FOR MORE INFORMATION?

- Mr M. Drew, Head of History and Politics.

