

HISTORY

Exam board	Edexcel
Entry requirements	B grade in history (or another Humanities subject if history was not taken at GCSE)
Units of study and topics covered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Unit 1: Britain, 1625–1701: conflict, revolution and settlement ◦ Unit 2: Russia in revolution, 1894–1924 ◦ Unit 3: The witch craze in Britain, Europe and North America, c1580–c1750 ◦ Unit 4: The origins of the First World War (Coursework)
Forms of assessment used	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Units 1-3 are examined at the end of Year 13. ▶ Unit 4 is coursework and is completed during Year 13. ▶ Weighting: Unit 1 = 30%, Unit 2 = 20%, Unit 3 = 30%, Unit 4 = 20%. (Overall: exams 80%, coursework 20%)
Key skills for success	Good literacy skills, enthusiasm to work independently through wider reading, source analysis and evaluation, essay writing.
Expectations	Students will be expected to read widely, be organised, meet deadlines and respond to feedback.
Good subject combinations	History is a natural partner to other humanities' subjects such as politics, geography, religious studies, economics, psychology and sociology. It works with subjects that have a historical context such as English, art and music. It also complements maths and science subjects.
Potential pathways post sixth form:	<p>A history A-Level is a route to a variety of courses. It is looked on favourably by universities and shows skills of analysis, evaluation and constructing an argument.</p> <p>Students who took their A Level in the summer of 2014 went on to a variety of history related courses: History – Oxford University; International History and Politics – Leeds University; History and Spanish – Southampton University; History – Goldsmith's College, University of London; and Law – Anglia Ruskin University</p>
Where students can find out more	<p>History Subject Leader: Dr Paul Wiggin paul.wiggin@thomasdeaconacademy.com Exam board: Edexcel (www.edexcel.com)</p>