



**A-LEVEL HISTORY: EDEXCEL EXAMINING BOARD**

The Advanced GCE in History will appeal to you if:

- You have an interest in the world around you, the society you live in, and how it has developed.
- You like learning about people, how they interact, and what motivates them
- You like learning about different countries, societies and cultures
- You enjoy discussion, debate and argument
- You like to think for yourself and develop your own views
- You enjoy research and analysing material to check for bias and propaganda.
- You would like to study a fascinating subject that is highly regarded by universities and employers

**What do you need to join us?**

You do not need to have studied History at GCSE, however a keen interest in the subject is key to success! At least a Level 5 in English Language or Literature will be compulsory as students will need to write analytical essays and critically evaluate interpretations of History.

**What will the course involve?** The A-Level will be a 2 year course with all assessments at the end of the second year:

<p><b>Paper 1: Breadth study with interpretations</b>          1H: Britain transformed, 1918–97: breadth study.          Study in depth: the impact of Thatcher’s governments 1979 to 1997. 30% marks</p>	<p><b>Paper 2: Depth study</b>          2H.1: The USA, c1920–55: boom, bust and recovery. 20% marks</p>	<p><b>Paper 3: Themes in breadth with aspects in depth</b> 34.2: Poverty, public health and the state in Britain, c1780–1939. 30% marks</p>	<p><b>Unit 4 coursework:</b> based on a 4000 word essay on a historical controversy: The causes of the Great Depression. 20% marks</p>
<p>You will take a written exam of 2 hours 15 minutes. You will complete: 2 essay style questions and 1 question by interpreting sources of evidence on Thatcher’s governments  <i>Themes include-</i>          1) <i>A changing political and Economic environment, 1918–79;</i> 2) <i>Creating a welfare state, 1918–79;</i> 3) <i>Society in transition, 1918–79;</i> 4) <i>The changing quality of life, 1918–79</i></p> 	<p>You will take a written exam of 1 hour 30 minutes. You will complete 1 essay style question and 1 question by interpreting sources of evidence  <i>Key topics are: 1) Boom and crash, 1920–29;</i> 2) <i>The Great Depression and New Deal, 1929–38;</i> 3) <i>Impact of the New Deal and the Second World War on the USA to 1945;</i> 4) <i>The transformation of the USA, 1945–55</i></p> 	<p>You will take a written exam of 2 hours 15 minutes. You will complete 2 essay style questions on the period studied and one source based question where you will explore issues of historical debate  <i>-Aspects in breadth: lives in peril – the health of the nation, c1780–1939</i>  <i>-Aspects in depth: poverty, the people and the law:</i></p> 	<p>The purpose of this coursework is to enable students to develop skills in the analysis and evaluation of interpretations of history in a chosen question, as part of an independently researched assignment.</p>

**What can I do with A Level History?**

You can progress to higher education courses such as honours degrees in History, or to degrees in related subjects such as English, Film Studies, Government and Politics, International Relations and Law. History will give you a number of skills relevant to many types of employment, such as the ability to seek information and to analyse it in order to identify facts and motives and to present information clearly for others to understand.

The skills you will obtain through studying History will be useful in a number of careers, either directly related to history (e.g. working in museums, galleries, heritage sites, record offices and archives and teaching), or in areas such as journalism, law, libraries, national, court, and local government and the civil service.

You can find out more about the assessment and expectations of the course on the exam board’s website.

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/support-for-you/students.html>[www.edexcel.org.uk](http://www.edexcel.org.uk)

You can also ask any of the History teachers at school to guide you further or email the Head of Department, Ms Thoullass [Ethoullass@cardinalnewmanschool.net](mailto:Ethoullass@cardinalnewmanschool.net)

*Good Luck with your GCSEs! ☺*