



### Faculty Introduction:

History is a key subject to help pupils understand the state of the modern world. It helps them understand much of the events and issues they see in the news. It helps them develop analytical skills as well as writing skills that they can then use in a variety of situations.



### Topics/Modules to be covered in the year:

Students continue the Edexcel History A GCSE.

#### **Unit 4: Vietnam 1960 – 1975**

Students will complete their Controlled Assessment that was started in Year 10.

#### **Unit 1: Peace and War: International Relations 1943-1991**

Students will study the Cold War. They will first look at the causes of the crisis before focusing on 3 key case studies of Berlin, Cuba and Czechoslovakia. They will complete the unit by studying how the crisis was brought to a close. This is a knowledge based paper with no sources

### Assessment:

Informal assessment takes place throughout lessons and can be verbal or written. Students will also have their class work and homework marked regularly by the teacher and they will be awarded effort grades.

Formal external assessment of the Edexcel GCSE History course takes place at the end of Year 11. To assess academic progress during Year 10, students sit regular end of unit tests using past GCSE questions. These tests are completed under examination conditions and are also used as the working grades which are reported home on a termly basis.

### Homework expectations/key deadlines:

Students should expect to receive 45 minutes of History homework per fortnight. Homework is an integral part of the students learning and will be directly related to classroom teaching.

### Enrichment activities/revision sessions:

Enrichment and extension activities include the History Society, extension activities in lessons as well as 1-2-1 sessions where necessary to improve pupil's progress. GCSE History Club will run at lunchtimes to assist students with the completion of both class work and homework.

### Useful websites for revision/revision guides/exam boards:

BBC Bitesize (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zk26n39>)

Edexcel Results Plus Revision History A: The Making of the Modern World Units 1-3