

HISTORY



MALBANK SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE



WHEN WILL EXAMINATIONS TAKE PLACE?

The Examination Board offers opportunities for assessment in January and June. This enables students to re-sit a module if they choose to do so. However, each assessment unit may be re-sat only once. The better result will count towards the final grade.

WHAT HELP AND GUIDANCE WILL I RECEIVE?

The department is well equipped with a wide variety of texts, and sources, and the teaching methods provide succinct, stimulating and up to date, analyses of the major examination topics.

The department has its own library with texts designed to support class based knowledge. Here advice can be sought and help given by any member of history department. There will always be a teacher on hand to help with essays and offer advice on further reading.

For further information please contact
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A2 MODULE 5 - BRITISH HISTORY

Tudor- Reform, Reaction and the Age of Elizabeth
1509-1603

Modern- Britain 1525-1603

This will be assessed via a 1½hr written paper worth 15% of the total advanced level mark.

A2 MODULE 6 - BRITISH AND EUROPEAN

This will comprise of a Personal Study based on any aspect of British and European history covered in the two years of study.

Tudor - Personal Study based on a topic arising from the units of study.

Modern- Personal Study based on a topic arising from the units of study.

INTRODUCTION

The History department follows the AQA course of study. This enables students to attain an Advanced Subsidiary Level certificate in Year 12 and the full Advanced Level certificate in Year 13.

The department is able to offer 2 distinct areas of study thanks to the range of specialisms of the staff. The two options are:-

Tudor history: Britain 1485-1603
Europe in transition
1470-1610

Modern history: Britain 1895-1951
Rivalry and Conflict in
Europe 1825-1941.

Thus the potential to study not only the great people of the past from Henry VII, Elizabeth I and Wolsey through to Lloyd George, Stalin and Hitler but also the key events through Reformation, Revolution to war.

AIMS OF THE COURSE

The two options aim to encourage candidates to:

- acquire and effectively communicate, knowledge and understanding of selected periods of history
- develop an understanding of historical terms and concepts
- explore the significance of events, individuals, issues and societies in history
- understand the nature of historical evidence and the methods used by historians in analysis and evaluation
- realise that judgements are based on evidence and may only be provisional
- develop an understanding of how the past has been interpreted and represented
- develop their interest in and enthusiasm for history.

AS MODULE 2 - BRITISH HISTORY

Tudor - Henry VII 1483-1515.
Modern - Britain 1895-1918.

This will be assessed via a 1½ hr written paper worth 35% of the total AS level mark.

AS MODULE 3 - BRITISH AND EUROPEAN

Tudor - 2 course essays on The French Wars of Religion and The Career of Thomas Wolsey.

Modern - 2 course essays on The Balkans 1870-1914 and The Nature and Impact of New Liberalism.

THE ADVANCED LEVEL CERTIFICATE (A2)

Students who complete the AS Level and continue their studies into Year 13 will be entered for the Advanced Level Certificate. Students will carry their AS Level mark forward into Year 13. This will represent 50% of the total A2 Advanced Level assessment. The remaining 50% will be assessed through three final modules.

A2 MODULE 4 - EUROPEAN HISTORY

Tudor - The State, Authority and conflict.
Modern - Russia and Germany 1825-41.

This will be assessed via a 1½ hr Written paper worth 15% of the total A Level mark.

SKILLS

A range of teaching methods are used to encourage students to become independent thinkers well versed in the skills of the historian. Studying history at an Advanced level offers ample opportunity to develop the key skills of communication. Information Technology, working with others etc. You will:-

- Take part in debates
- Present your own seminars on key events using PowerPoint
- Attend lectures by top historians
- Learn to synthesise information from a range of sources

METHOD AND CONTENT OF ASSESSMENT

The scheme of assessment has a modular structure. Students will follow the Advanced Subsidiary level in Year 12. This comprises of three compulsory assessment modules:

AS LEVEL CERTIFICATE AS MODULE 1 - EUROPEAN HISTORY

Tudor - Religious change in 16th Century Europe.
Modern - Germany and Russia 1870-1914.

This will be assessed via a 1½ hr written paper worth 35% of the total AS level mark.