



# History

## Edexcel A level History



History is the study of the past. A respected academic A Level, the Edexcel A Level History course develops historical understanding in an engaging way that prepares students for higher education.

### Topics you will study

#### Year 12:

**Route E: Communist states in the twentieth century**

**Paper 1 – Breadth study with interpretations:** Russia, 1917-91: from Lenin to Yeltsin

**Paper 2- Depth study:** Mao's China, 1949-76

#### Year 13:

**Paper 3 – Themes in breadth with aspects in depth:** Protest, agitation and parliamentary reform in Britain, c1780-1918

**Coursework:** A historical enquiry, analysing and evaluating historical interpretations

### Why study this subject?

- You will develop your written and verbal skills.
- You will develop skills of critical analysis and evaluation.
- You will learn the ability to research independently.

### Why study this subject at Aston?

- 100% pass rate (2024) and 44% A\*-A grades (2024)
- A course that is designed to continue from GCSE History at Aston Academy
- Smaller class sizes than college allowing for more personal support

### Assessment

Your grade will be based on one coursework submitted in December of Year 13 and three exams in the summer of Year 13.

**Paper 1:** Russia, 1917-91 – 30% - 2 hours 15 minutes

**Paper 2:** Mao's China, 1949-76 – 20% - 1 hour 30 minutes

**Paper 3:** Protest, agitation and parliamentary reform – 30% - 2 hours 15 minutes

Paper

**Coursework:** 20% - 4000 word historical enquiry

### Links particularly well with these subjects

Sociology, Psychology, Geography and English Language and Literature

### Entry requirements

Grade 5 or above in GCSE English Language and Literature (and History if studied)

### Useful for careers in....

History is especially helpful for the following careers: teaching, law, journalism, publishing, archeology, politics, museums and heritage.