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| Course Title | A Level History |
| Aims of the Course | |
| The course aims to establish a breadth of knowledge across a range of periods, to develop the necessary skills and understanding which will be needed by students planning to progress to undergraduate study at a UK higher education establishment, particularly (although not only) in the same subject area. | |
| What will you study? | |
| You will learn the fundamentals of the subject and develop the key knowledge, skills and experience needed for History. Throughout the course, you will study a range of topics and the key research related to them including:  **In search of the American Dream** investigating political, economic and social change in 20th century.  **India; the road to independence** investigating the role of various individuals and events.  **Lancastrian, Yorkists and Henry VII** focusing on key events and themes of the Wars of the Roses.  **Coursework** an independent study using interpretations, culminating in an extended essay. | |
| How will you be assessed? | |
| There are three externally set and assessed exams for A Level History and one piece of coursework (3000 word essay).  It is a linear course and so all exams are at the end of the two years of study. | |
| What wider skills will you develop? | |
| Presentation and extended writing skills.  Critical thinking and reviewing evidence skills.  Evaluative and interpretational skills. | |
| What are the future options from the course? | |
| There are a wide range of History degrees that can be pursued at university. The A level is also directly applicable to course such as law, economics and journalism. It can also lead onto a variety of careers. It is directly applicable for museum curation and teaching or a wider set of careers that would benefit from the skills it develops such as journalism, politics and broadcasting. | |
| Who can you contact for more information? | |
| The Course Leader is Mr Coughlan who is Head of Department and can be contacted at [paul.coughlan@verulam.herts.sch.uk](mailto:paul.coughlan@verulam.herts.sch.uk).  Mr Pettitt and Ms McInally can also provide further details on the units that they teach. | |