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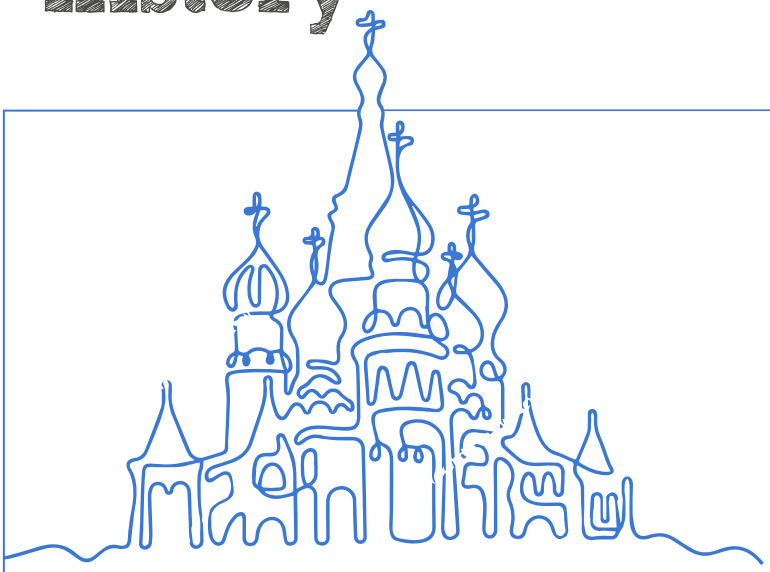

Careers

History is a highly regarded subject and can be useful across a whole range of careers. It is particularly highly valued in areas such as Law, Journalism, Broadcasting, Teaching, International Relations, Politics and Economics. The clear communication and the analytical and evaluative skills it teaches are also valued in other areas such as Medicine, Accountancy, the Armed Services, Policing and many more.

About the course

The course covers three different topics, and a range of skills such as analysis, evaluation, constructing an argument, understanding and evaluating historical sources and interpretations.

- Russia and its Rulers 1855-1964 – a study of change and continuity across 100 years of Russian history, covering both Tsars and Communists (40% of final mark)
- Lancastrians, Yorkists and Tudors 1450-1509 – a depth study of the turbulent period known as the Wars of the Roses (25% of final mark)
- Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-1963 – covering the changing face of Germany during the 20th century, including the Weimar Republic, Nazi Germany and the post war Cold War period. (15% of final grade)
- Non Examined Assessment – coursework on Post War Civil Rights in the USA (20% of final grade)

Assessment

20% NEA
80% Exam

What students say

I've enjoyed History so much at WBHS that I've applied to do a History degree at university. The teachers have been a great help.

History is one of, if not the, most interesting subjects to study. Passion, a strong work ethic and willingness to put effort in is mandatory but it really is helpful with other subjects.

History is super interesting. I'm glad I chose to do it. It was my favourite GCSE subject and A level has not disappointed. The teachers have passion and teach like they do.

Entry Requirements

If GCSE History has been studied, a Grade 6 or higher is required. If History GCSE has not been studied a Grade 6 in either English Language or English Literature is required.

Find Out More

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