

SUBJECT: HISTORY IB HIGHER

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SYLLABUS NUMBER:

N/A

SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT

History focuses on change over time and asks 'why?' It offers content and skills valued by colleges, employers and society.

Paper 1: The class teacher will choose one of:

Either:

“The Move to Global War”, a study of Japanese, German and Italian expansionism in the 1930s.

Or:

“Rights and protest”, a study of the civil rights movement in the USA and of apartheid and its opponents in South Africa (1950s and 1960s).

Paper 2: *Authoritarian States, e.g.:*

Stalin and the USSR

Mao and China

Castro and Cuba

The Cold War:

Origins, Conflicts and Crises, Arms Race, Détente, End.

Paper 3: *History of Europe: 19th Century focus:*

Europe around 1815

The unification of Italy and Germany

France, 1814-1871

Russia, 1855-1924

Internal Assessment (coursework): Personal investigation.

SKILLS THAT WILL BE DEVELOPED

Understanding of: how people interact, what motivates them, why they follow a cause; and about cultures and societies, the roots of their conflicts, alliances and trading patterns.

Evidence-handling: e.g. locating, sifting and evaluating evidence, debating its relevance and value.

Presenting an argument: in writing and speaking. Presenting what you have learnt coherently in a way that convinces others.

Making judgements: on the interpretations of others. Reading and evaluating histories; listening to and evaluating the interpretations of other students.

SOME USEFUL WEBSITES

There are far too many useful websites to list here. Use Google and learn to recognise the useful sites in the listings amid the rest. Look for the domain endings ‘**ac.uk**’ or ‘**edu**’ for academic sites. Wikipedia is useful for confirming facts and giving a rough overview.

To get a good idea of what history is, explore:

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

A number of IB past exam papers can be found at:

www.freeexampapers.com/past

ASSESSMENT

Paper 1 is 1 hour and consists of a series of compulsory questions on your chosen topic, based on sources. (20%).

Paper 2 is 1½ hours and consists of two essays. (25%).

Paper 3 is 2½ hours and consists of three essays. (35%).

Internal Assessment (coursework) is worth 20%.

SPECIFIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS

Students need to have achieved grade B or higher in GCSE History or, if they did not take History, in another Humanities subject. It is preferable to have at least a grade B or better in English Language.

OTHER INFORMATION **Eg Field Trips/expenses/books**

No specific expenses. However, it is helpful to read more widely making your own use of libraries / bookshops. Use of public libraries is essential in coursework. Lecture days in London are occasionally available.