



HISTORY Key Stage 5

2025-2026

MODULES/UNITS

Unit	Topic	Value towards A2 and assessment focus
Unit 1 – British Period Study and Enquiry (Year 12)	Y101 - Alfred and the Making of England 871-1016 (Specific Document Enquiry on Alfred the Great)	25% (One period study essay, one document based depth study – 1hr 30)
Unit 2 – Non British Period Study (Year 12)	Y212 – The American Revolution 1740–1796	15% (One mini-essay, one period study essay – 1hr)
Unit 3 – Thematic Study and Historical Interpretations (Year 13)	Y318 – Russia and its Rulers 1855–1964	40% (Two thematic questions covering 100 years, one interpretations question – 2hrs 30)
Unit 4 – Coursework (Year 13)	Y4 - A Personal Study on a topic of the student's choice	20% (A single 3000-4000 word essay which must include the use of primary evidence and historical interpretations)

COURSEWORK DEADLINES/EXAMS

WHEN

YEAR 12 INTERNAL ASSESSMENT (Y101 AND Y212)	JAN YEAR 12
YEAR 12 INTERNAL END OF YEAR MOCK EXAMINATIONS (Y101 AND Y219)	JUNE YEAR 12
YEAR 13 INTERNAL MOCK EXAMINATIONS (Y101, Y212 AND Y318)	JAN YEAR 13
PERSONAL STUDY COURSEWORK DEADLINE (F987)	MARCH YEAR 13
YEAR 13 EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS (Y101, Y219, Y311, Y4)	MAY/JUNE YEAR 13

PROJECTS/SCHEME OF WORK/TOPICS

DURING

Y101 - ALFRED AND THE MAKING OF ENGLAND 871-1016 (SPECIFIC DOCUMENT ENQUIRY ON ALFRED THE GREAT)	YEAR 12
Y212 – THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION 1740–1796	YEAR 12
Y318 – RUSSIA AND ITS RULERS, 1855-1964	YEAR 13
Y4 - A PERSONAL STUDY ON A TOPIC OF THE STUDENT'S CHOICE	YEAR 13

OTHER INFORMATION

Exam Board and Specification

We follow the OCR Specification (H505) from 2015 onwards. Full details found at:
<http://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/170128-specification-accredited-a-level-gce-history-a-h505.pdf>

Recommended Additional Reading (Initial suggestions)

Max Adams - Aelfred's Britain: War and Peace in the Viking Age
 Justin Pollard – Alfred the Great
 H. & M. Whittock - The Viking Blitzkrieg: AD 789–1098
 Alan Taylor – American Revolutions: Continental History, 1750-1804
 David McCullough – 1776
 Robert Allison - American Revolution: A Concise History
 D.C.B Lieven – Nicholas II: Emperor of all the Russias
 Orlando Figes - A People's Tragedy: The Russian Revolution 1891-1924
 Robert Service – Lenin: A Biography

If you have any further questions, please contact **Mrs Elizabeth Ellen (Subject Leader)** via the main school office.