



St John's Curriculum Overview – A Level



Subject title	A Level History (AQA)
Setting arrangements	Mixed Prior Attainment Sets
Time allowance each fortnight	9 hours

Introduction

The course offered is A Level AQA History, which is a linear course. There are two examinations at the end of Year 13 (worth 40% each) and a historical investigation (20%).

The exams offered are:

1. Tudor England, 1485-1603
2. International Relations and Global Conflict, c.1890-1941.

The Historical Investigation is an extended piece of coursework which should cover a 100 year period, and should not overlap with the content of the two exams.

Topics, Skills and Assessment covered during the course

	Topics covered	Skills developed	Assessment
Year 12 Teacher A	Consolidation of the Tudor Dynasty, 1485-1547. The reign of Edward VI, 1547-1553.	Deals with Henry VII, Henry VIII and Edward VI. Knowledge and understanding of political and social history. Interpretations from historians are analysed in combination with own knowledge. Essay questions deal with all aspects of the historical debate regarding developments under the Tudors.	Regular exam questions are set throughout the year. These cover the essay based questions and the interpretation questions. In addition, the Year 12 mock exam will formally include a Tudor essay to write.
Year 12 Teacher B	Great power rivalries and the entry into wars, c.1890-1917. The peace treaties following the First World War.	Deals with causes of the First World War and its immediate aftermath. Knowledge and understanding of the Great Powers, and their allies. In addition, developments, the role of individuals and the connected nature of events is key. The ability to analyse primary source material and to link with own knowledge of events.	Regular exam questions are set throughout the year. These cover the essay based questions and the primary source questions. In addition, the Year 12 mock exam will formally include a primary source question to complete.

		<p>Essays are also set, these ask <i>to what extent...</i></p> <p>Therefore, debating a topic and looking at various points of view based on the evidence is a key skill.</p>	
Year 13 Teacher A	England: Turmoil and Triumph, 1553-1603	<p>Deals with Mary I and Elizabeth I.</p> <p>Knowledge and understanding of political and social history. Interpretations from historians are analysed in combination with own knowledge.</p> <p>Essay questions deal with all aspects of the historical debate regarding developments under the Tudors.</p>	Regular exam questions are set throughout the year. These cover the essay based questions and the interpretation questions. In addition, the Year 13 mock exam (Paper 1) will formally include a Tudor essay to write and an interpretation question to complete.
Year 13 Teacher B	The failure of international peace and the origins of the Second World War, 1919-1941	<p>Deals with causes of the Second World War.</p> <p>Knowledge and understanding of the situation after the First World War, and how events developed to lead to the Second World War. In addition, developments, the role of individuals and the connected nature of events are key.</p> <p>The ability to analyse primary source material and to link with own knowledge of events.</p> <p>Essays are also set, these ask <i>to what extent...</i></p> <p>Therefore, debating a topic and looking at various points of view based on the evidence is a key skill.</p>	Regular exam questions are set throughout the year. These cover the essay based questions and the primary source questions. In addition, the Year 13 mock exam (Paper 2) will formally include an International Relations essay to write and a primary source question to complete.
End of Year 12 and the first half of Year 13. All teachers are involved.	Historical Investigation	Researching the topic. Searching for relevant source materials and interpretations.	Regular checks are made on progress, but assessment is formally done when the project is completed and moderated by teachers and the exam board.

Resources Recommended for Revision and where they are available:

- The Tudors: England 1485-1603 Revision Guide (Oxford). Available online.
- There is a wide range of books on the Tudors and International Relations in G113 and G117. Also, the Sixth Form Library has a very good stock on both exam papers. In addition, many history magazines which cover aspects of the course.
- The Sixth Form study centre has a selection of articles from various history magazines on International Relations.
- A list of Youtube documentary links is available on Saber for student access.

Homework

Expected time allocation for the subject – around two hours per week. Reading around the subject is encouraged.

Additional support and help for the course

Revision sessions are available at the end of the course in lesson time.

Extra-Curricular:

- A trip to the Imperial War Museum, London in Year 12.
- A visit to Hampton Court and the National Archive in Year 13.