

Shelley College History Curriculum

Key Stage 5

For A-Level we follow Edexcel Route H/30. This is comprised of 4 units:

Unit 1: Britain Transformed: 1918-97

Unit 2: The USA: Boom, Bust and Recovery, 1920-55

Unit 3: Lancastrians, Yorkists and Henry VII

Unit 4: Coursework option (centre-designed)

Y12

During the course of Y12 students study units 1 and 2 on Britain and the USA. All students are currently entered for the AS examinations in May.

Unit 1: Paper comprised two essay questions and one question on historians' interpretations of Margaret Thatcher. The paper lasts for 2 hours 15 minutes and counts for 60% of the final grade.

Unit 2: Paper consists of two questions on contemporary sources and one essay question. The paper lasts for 1 hour 30 minutes and counts for 40% of the final grade.

Y13

Students revise work done in Y12 and again sit exams on unit 1 and unit 2. They also study the events of the 14th century, covering the struggle for the throne in the Wars of the Roses and the emergence of the first Tudor monarch, Henry VII.

Students also work on the coursework element of the A-Level. This involves a short taught programme to introduce them to the three topics after which they will choose which question to tackle. The possible topics include:

- Catherine the Great, Empress of Russia,
- The French Revolution
- The Holocaust

Students then research the work of historians on their chosen topics, leading to the completion of a 4000 word essay.

For the A-Level the units comprise the following values:

Unit 1: 30%

Unit 2: 20%

Unit 3: 30%

Unit 4: 20%

Key Stage 4

Y10

Y10 study the GCSE offered by Edexcel. The units covered are:

- Crime and Punishment Through Time
- Early Elizabethan England, 1558-88
- Germany, 1918-39
- Superpower Relations and the Cold War, 1941-91

There are three exam papers, all of which are taken at the end of Y11.

Y11

Year 11 follow the History B legacy specification from AQA.

Students complete two exam papers:

- **Paper 1:** The Origins of the Cold War, Cold War Crises, the end of the Cold War and the Post Cold-War World.
- **Paper 2:** Twentieth century depth studies: The USA in the 1920s, Hitler's Germany, And the Vietnam War

The two exams are both taken at the end of year 11 and together comprise 75% of the final grade. The additional 25% is generated by the controlled assessment undertaken in lessons for which students undertake two questions on the British People in War.

Key Stage 3

In Y9 students cover:

- Slavery and Civil Rights
- Warfare Through Time
- Britain in the 20th century

Students are assessed through their work in class and on regular GCSE style assessments.