



SUBJECT: History IB Standard

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT:
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EXAM BOARD AND SYLLABUS NUMBER:
IBO / QAN:

SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT:

Paper 1: The Move to Global War, a study of Japanese, German and Italian expansionism in the 1930s.

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.

Internal Assessment (coursework): Personal investigation.

WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT?

You will develop an understanding of how people interact and what motivates them, why people, groups and rulers make decisions and the impact of those decisions. You will be encouraged to evaluate different types of evidence and debate its relevance and value, present an argument and make supported judgements. You will need to show a willingness to undertake wider reading and further study outside the classroom, visit libraries and consult different books about the topics that you are studying. Think about how perspectives and arguments differ. There are many useful websites available for different historical topics.

SELF STUDY ADVICE / USEFUL WEBSITES:

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HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

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

Paper 2 is 1 hour 30 mins and consists of two essays. (25%).

Internal Assessment (coursework) is worth 20%.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Studying History will provide you with many skills which are not confined to the study of the past. Skills of analysis are invaluable in many jobs, and the ability to analyse and then prioritise information is vital to decision making. You will also become adept at presenting information in an organised and focussed manner.

SPECIFIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the Sixth Form matriculation requirements, you will need to have at least a grade 5 or above in GCSE History, or in your Humanities subject if you did not take History. It would be an advantage to have at least a grade 6 or better in English Language