



HISTORY

Examination Board

- OCR

- Students will sit mock exams on all 3 topics in the summer of Year 12 and the winter of Year 13.

A2 course background

A Level H505

- **Unit Y108:** The Early Stuarts and the Origins of the Civil War 1603-1660. Worth 25% of total A Level.
- **Unit Y216:** The USA in the 19th Century: Westward expansion and the Civil War 1803 – c1890. Worth 15% of total A Level
- **Unit 318:** Russia and its Rulers 1855 – 1964 worth 40% of total A Level
- **Unit 100:** Topic based essay (coursework based on The Cold War). Worth 20% of total A Level.



The Stuarts, USA and Russia (examined units) will be taught across Year 12 and Year 13. Coursework will be completed in Year 13.

Useful websites / reading materials

- USA- A. Farmer: *The American Civil War: Causes, course and consequences* (2006)
- USA-D. Murphy, M Waldron & K Cooper: *United States 1740-1919* (2008)
- The Stuarts/Interregnum-The Coming of the Civil War 1603-49 by David Sharp
- The Stuarts/Interregnum-England in Crisis 1640-60 by David Sharp
- Cold War coursework (Year 13)-The USA and the Cold War 1945-1963, Oliver Edwards (Access to History series)
- Cold War coursework-The Cold War, Steve Phillips
- Russia and its Rulers (Y13)-Russia 1855-1964 by Derrick Murphy
- Russia and its Rulers 1855-1964 by Mike Wells

Recommended study

Reading around the subject. We recommended that students purchase a copy of:

- Russia and its Rulers 1855-1964 by Andrew Holland. Second Edition or third edition. ISBN-978-1-4718-3894-1. (This book is used a lot in class and it helps students if they have their own copy).
- The Coming of the Civil War 1603-1649 by David Sharp. ISBN-978-0-4353-2713-2
- England In Crisis 1640-1660 by David Sharp. ISBN-978-0-4353-2714-9



We also have a wide range of books in the department that can be borrowed at any time.

Students should subscribe to a History magazine such as Hindsight or BBC. We also subscribe to the Historical Association magazine that they can borrow at any time and Audiopi which has a number of useful knowledge and revision podcasts.