



History

Course Information

History is the study of people. It is an exploration of their strengths, their weaknesses, their successes, and above all their impact on those around them. By studying the world that has gone before we can see how it has shaped the world around us. By studying History we develop an understanding of human behaviour and how and why we as individuals follow the lives we lead. We learn how to question accepted ideas and to develop and sustain arguments in order to gain a true understanding of the world we live in and our part within it. We learn how to appreciate different opinions and understand the purpose of people's actions. We identify patterns, challenge orthodoxies and form opinions. In sum, we develop a full understanding of all that surrounds us.

History at Cavendish is founded on the investigation of the concept of freedom. What does it mean to be free and how have people throughout history defined freedom or sought to achieve it?

We explore this using the Edexcel History Course.

It is a linear course with 3 examinations and one piece of coursework over two years. There is no AS group.



Course Content

Unit 1: England, 1509-1603: Authority, Nation and Religion

Here we will learn about the key political, social and economic features of Tudor England from the accession of Henry VIII to the death of Elizabeth I, an era of decisive change for the English state and church. This is worth 25% of the final grade.



Unit 2: The Dutch Revolt

This is an in depth study of Luther's challenge to the Catholic Church, which would cause a fracture in the religious unity of western Christianity and would, in time, spread through Europe and beyond. This is worth 25% of the final grade.

Unit 3: Civil rights and race relations in the USA, 1850-2009

We will explore how civil rights remain a fundamental issue in US society: the changing pattern of race relations between black and white Americans, both in terms of civil rights and also broader social and cultural changes over a period that began with millions of black Americans in slavery and ended with Barack Obama as President. This is worth 25% of the final grade.

Unit 4: Russian Revolution and Stalin's Soviet Union

This unit focuses on interpretations of the great social experiment - was this a popular revolution or a people's tragedy? This unit is assessed as a piece of coursework worth 25% of the final grade.

Entry Requirements

A minimum Grade B in GCSE History and Grade 5 in English is required.

Future Opportunities

Continue studying history or other subjects to degree level and beyond. Possible career paths are in law, journalism, education, research, business, literature, marketing, archaeology etc.



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