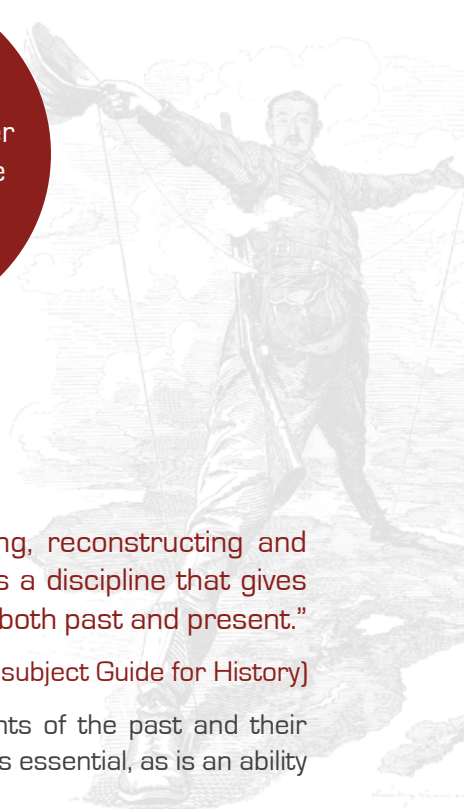


International Baccalaureate History

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“Not to know what has been transacted in former times is to continue always as a child”

- Cicero



“History is more than a study of the past. It is the process of recording, reconstructing and interpreting the past through the investigation of a variety of sources. It is a discipline that gives people an understanding of themselves and others in relation to the world, both past and present.”

(taken from the IB subject Guide for History)

History will appeal to students who have an interest in understanding the events of the past and their relevance to current international relations and global affairs. An enquiring mind is essential, as is an ability to communicate your ideas effectively and in a wide variety of ways.

History will appeal to students who enjoy:

- Investigating events and evidence
- Giving presentations, role play and discussions
- Debating, developing a well-argued case and employing skills of analysis and evaluation
- Studying a wide range and type of evidence and ultimately making judgements from a position of knowledge
- Trying to understand human affairs on a global scale, whilst appreciating diversity, culture and identity

Course Details:

Route 2: 20th Century World History at both Standard and Higher Levels

Paper 1 Source-based paper – Peacemaking, Peacekeeping – International Relations 1918-1936 including Peace of Versailles, League of Nations, Depression and threats to international security, Manchuria, Abyssinia, Germany, Italy, appeasement and outbreak of WW2

Paper 2 Causes, Practices and Effects of Wars including WW1, Chinese Civil War, Spanish Civil War, WW2, Algerian War and the Falklands/Malvinas War; The Cold War including Origins and Ideological Differences, Global spread, Arms race and case studies of areas such as Berlin, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Korea, Cuba, Vietnam, Middle east and Afghanistan and personalities such as Castro, Gorbachev, Kennedy, Mao, Stalin, Truman

Paper 3 Higher Level only – Aspects of the History of Europe and the Middle East including European Diplomacy and the First World War 1870-1923, Interwar years: Conflict and Cooperation 1919-1939, The Second World War and Post-war Western Europe 1939-2000: Germany, Spain, Poland, European Union

Assessment:

Paper 1 SL 30% HL 20%

Paper 2 SL 45% HL 25%

Paper 3 HL only 35%

Historical Investigation: (SL 25% HL 20%) A personal investigation using a variety of sources based on the topic of the Cold War, chosen and negotiated by the individual candidate

Visits:

The potential for national and international visits is immense and there will be a variety of opportunities to develop knowledge and appreciation of the 20th Century World embedded in the course.



“History does not repeat itself, except in the minds of those who do not know history”

- Khalil Gibran