



THE  
WORTHGATE SCHOOL  
CANTERBURY

# COURSE DESCRIPTOR

## IBDP HISTORY

### SUBJECT OVERVIEW

If you are interested in people's lives and the forces that influence them, then History is the subject for you. By studying history, you will be developing the skills of communication and argument. This subject will challenge you to make valid interpretations of past events and yet remain objective. Lessons involve analysis of various sources, discussion and use of multimedia. We will focus on using sources critically, developing valuable skills of analysis and evaluation.

### PRIOR LEARNING REQUIRED

An interest in, and a desire to study, History are essential, along with curiosity about the past, and interest in research and problem solving.

GCSE or equivalent

IELTS 5.5 or equivalent

### EXAM BOARD

IBDP

### COURSE CONTENT

| Year 1   | Year 2   |
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| <b>Prescribed Subject 2</b> – Conquest and its impact              | <b>World History topic 5</b> – Early Modern States (1450-1789) |
| <b>World History topic 4</b> – Societies in transition (1400-1700) | <b>Depth Study</b> – History of the Americas                   |

## ASSESSMENT

Formal internal assessments take place once every half term and homework is set on a regular basis.

Grades are determined by four components: three examined modules and an Historical Investigation (or Non-Examined Assessment). Final examinations for components 1-3 take place in May at the end of the 2-year course.

An end of year exam must be passed for entry to year 2 and a mock exam must be passed for entry into the public exams.

| Paper                      | Length of paper                                  | Weighting        |
|----------------------------|--|------------------|
| 1. Conquest and its Impact | 24 marks<br>1 hour<br>written paper              | 20% HL<br>30% SL |
| 2. World History Topics    | 30 marks<br>1 hour 30 minutes<br>written paper   | 25% HL<br>45% SL |
| 3. Depth Studies           | 45 marks<br>1 hour 45 minutes<br>written paper   | 35% HL           |
| Historical investigation   | 25 marks<br>Max 2200<br>(non-exam<br>assessment) | 20% HL<br>25% SL |

## TEXTBOOKS/REVISION GUIDES

| Title                          | ISBN           | Author              |
|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Spain 1469-1598                | 978-1471838095 | Jill Kilsby         |
| Early Modern Europe, 1450–1789 | 978-1009160803 | Merry Wiesner-Hanks |



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| Empires of the Atlantic World:<br>Britain and Spain in America<br>1492-1830 | 978-0300123999 | John H. Elliott |
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Summaries of each unit, your notes and past examination papers will be your major source of revision.

### HIGHER EDUCATION PATHWAYS

History enhances the skills of debate and analysis, which are highly valued by universities and employers. History is a popular subject for those students who wish to enter the fields of Law, Diplomacy, Politics, and Journalism, along with its related areas of Archaeology, Librarianship, Heritage and Archives.

Previous history students have gained acceptance in undergraduate courses in Law, International Politics, at prestigious Russell group universities such as King's College London and SOAS.

### CURRICULUM DIRECTOR

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