



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
Prescribed Subject 2 – Conquest and its impact	World History topic 5 – Early Modern States (1450-1789)
World History topic 4 – Societies in transition (1400-1700)	Depth Study – 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 1 hour written paper	20% HL 30% SL
2. World History Topics	30 marks 1 hour 30 minutes written paper	25% HL 45% SL
3. Depth Studies	45 marks 1 hour 45 minutes written paper	35% HL
Historical investigation	25 marks Max 2200 (non-exam assessment)	20% HL 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: Britain and Spain in America 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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