THE WORTHGATE SCHOOL
CANTERBURY

COURSE DESCRIPTOR

A LEVEL 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, analysis 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.
Good pass in subjects at GCSE or equivalent; IELTS 5.5 or equivalent

EXAM BOARD

AQA

COURSE CONTENT

Year 1	Year 2
Component 1K – The Making of a Superpower USA, 1865-1975	**Component 2S** – The Making of Modern Britain, 1951–2007

ASSESSMENT

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

Grades are determined by three components: two examined modules and an extended coursework essay (or Non-Examined Assessment). Final examinations for component 1 and 2 take place in May/June 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
Component 1. Breadth Study	80 marks 2 hours 30 minutes written paper	40% of A level
Component 2. Depth Study	80 marks 2 hours 30 minutes written paper	40% of A level
Component 3. Historical Investigation	40 marks 3500-4500 (non-exam assessment)	20% of A level

TEXTBOOKS/REVISION GUIDES

Title	ISBN	Author
The Making of a Superpower: USA 1865-1975 (Oxford A Level History for AQA)	978-0198354697	Sally Waller
The Making of Modern Britain 1951-2007 (Oxford A Level History for AQA)	978-0198354642	Sally Waller

Summaries of each unit, your notes and past examination papers will be your major source of revision. There are revision guides available for both AS and A2.

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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.

COMPLEMENTARY SUBJECTS OF STUDY

Sociology; International Politics; Geography

CURRICULUM DIRECTOR

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