THE WORTHGATE SCHOOL
CANTERBURY

COURSE DESCRIPTOR

IBDP HISTORY

SUBJECT OVERVIEW

The IB Diploma Programme (DP) history course is a world history course based on a comparative and multiperspective approach to history. It involves the study of a variety of types of history, including political, economic, social and cultural, and provides a balance of structure and flexibility. The course emphasizes the importance of encouraging students to think historically and to develop historical skills as well as gaining factual knowledge. It puts a premium on developing the skills of critical thinking, and on developing an understanding of multiple interpretations of history. In this way, the course involves a challenging and demanding critical exploration of the past.

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

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COURSE CONTENT

Year 1	Year 2
Prescribed Topic 4 – Rights and protest: The Civil Rights Movement, USA; Apartheid, South Africa	**World history topic 11: Causes and effects of 20th century wars** – First World War (1914-1918), Cuban Civil War (1953-1959)

World History topic 10 – Authoritarian states (20 Century): Germany - Hitler and Cuba - Castro	**Depth Study (HL only)** – History of Europe: **Topic 13**: Europe and the First World War (1871–1918) **Topic 14:** Inter-war domestic developments in European states (1918–1939) **Topic 15**: Diplomacy in Europe (1919–1945)

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. Rights and protest	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

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TEXTBOOKS/REVISION GUIDES

Title	ISBN	Author
Access to History for the IB Diploma Rights and protest Study and Revision Guide	978-1398370609	Michael Scott-Baumann, Peter Clements
Access to History for the IB Diploma: Authoritarian States Study and Revision Guide: Paper 2	978-1510432369	Paul Grace
Access to History for the IB Diploma: Causes and effects of 20th-century wars	978-1471841347	Kenneth A Dailey

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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