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Course Outline:

The History A Level at Leventhorpe provides students with an exciting mix of Early Modern and Modern History, with both aspects of the A Level chosen to give students not only an introduction to the discipline of history, but also a deeper insight into the events in the past have shaped modern Britain and the modern world. In addition, we see our A Level as a preparation for undergraduate study and aim to introduce to challenging academic texts in addition to the core textbooks for the course.

Taking History A Level at Leventhorpe will give you the opportunity to learn to present ideas, arguments and ideas cases. You will study people: their stories, actions and motivations in a range of different circumstances. You will also be challenged to develop the skills of scrutiny and critical thinking while evaluating sources of historical evidence and while studying historian's interpretations of events. Above all you will develop the skills of thinking for yourself and realise that your opinion really does matter!

In year 12:

- Henry VII and Henry VIII: The consolidation of the Tudor Dynasty. This component focuses on different interpretations of various themes of monarchy in the Tudor period: The king's power and the governance of England and the English people.
- Russia: the Russian Revolution and the Rise of Stalin. This unit focuses upon the nature of evidence available to historians studying Russian history, its value and how far it can be relied upon to give a full picture of events.
- During the summer term of year 12, students begin work on the coursework component of the A Level. The topic for this is 'The Golden Age of Spain' and students complete an independent investigation, culminating in a 4000 word essay into an aspect of this 100 year period.

In year 13:

- Students continue the two year 12 courses with the study of the later Tudor Monarchs: Edward, Mary I and Elizabeth I alongside the Soviet Union under Stalin's rule. In addition to learning about the two period of history, students continue to examine historian's interpretations of events in Tudor England, and the difficulties faced by historians in interpreting the available evidence on the Russia during this period.

Method of Assessment:

Year 13 assessment consists of an Independent Investigation (20%) and 2 examined parts on Tudor England, 1485-1603 and Russia and the Soviet Union 1917-1953, each worth 40% of the final A Level. Component 1 (Tudors) will comprise 2 essay questions and 1 question examining interpretations. Component 2 (Russia) comprises 2 essay questions and 1 question examining sources of evidence. The A Level examinations require knowledge from the across both years of the A Level Course.

Students in both year 12 and year 13 will be assessed across the year using exam style questions for each component.