

# History

## Advanced Higher

### Why take this course?

Historical study provides a secure basis for more advanced education. The ability to work individually on open-ended tasks and use reasoned argument to support conclusions are essential features of the course. The course involves a high degree of individual study and commitment - important skills for people going onto Higher Education. Overall, Advanced Higher History develops communication skills and the ability to think critically and creatively and is useful for pursuing careers in fields such as law, journalism, tourism, civil service and business.

**To succeed in this course** candidates will normally be expected to have gained an A or B pass in Higher History. It is possible for a motivated and hard-working student to study this course without previous background in this subject area but you should consult with Mr Shearer. To do well in this course, you need to be prepared to work hard in class and in your own time.

### Course structure and content

The Advanced Higher is intended to give pupils the opportunity to acquire depth in the knowledge and understanding of historical themes and topics. They will be required to handle detailed information to analyse events and historical issues. The skills of research, planning, preparation and presentation will be required for a Dissertation on a specific historical issue relating to the Field of Study.

### Field of Study: Russia: from Tsarism to Stalinism, 1914–1945

- War and the breakdown of Russian society, 1914 to January 1917
- The February Revolution
- The Provisional Government and the October Revolution
- The Civil War
- Stalin's struggle for power
- Industrialisation and collectivisation
- The political and social development of the Stalinist state
- The Great Patriotic War

### Course assessment

To gain the award of the course the Internal Assessment must be passed as well as the External Assessment:

#### Exam paper (3 hours)

- 2 essays and source questions which count for 90 marks

**Dissertation:** 4000 words, worth 50 marks

### Where might this course take me?

If studied at university or college, a degree in History can be an impressive and attractive feature on a CV. Employers value the research, analytical, teamwork and communication skills that history students develop throughout their degree. These skills are invaluable in many jobs, and the ability to analyse and then prioritise information is vital to decision making. This not only provides a skills set for a student but it also keeps career options open.