



Bideford College

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History

**Subject Information
For admissions in September**

History

Course Title : A level History

OCR Qualification Title: A-level History H505

Specification link :

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/170128-specification-accredited-a-level-gce-history-a-h505.pdf>

Unit titles:

Unit 1: British Period Study and Enquiry (Unit Group 1)(25%)

The Early Stuarts and the Origins of the Civil War 1603–1660 (Enquiry topic: The Execution of Charles I and the Interregnum 1646–1660)

Unit 2: Non-British Period Study (unit group 2) 15% of total A level

Russia 1894–1941

Unit 3: Thematic study and historical interpretations (unit group 3) 40%

Civil Rights in the USA 1865–1992

Topic based essay 20%

Unit 1: The Early Stuarts and the Origins of the Civil War 1603–1660.

This period study focuses on the Early Stuart monarchy. It deals with James I relationship with parliaments and his attitude to religion as well as the reign of Charles I and the origins of the Civil War. This option allows students to study a breadth of issues which is aimed to encourage learners to develop their interests in important developments. The addition of the enquiry element will ensure learners can focus on the critical use of evidence in investigating and assessing historical questions, problems and issues

Unit 2: Russia 1894–1941

This option will allow students to cover the rule of Tsar Nicholas II, The 1917 Revolution, Civil War and Lenin and then the rule of Stalin. The length of the periods studied within this unit group will encourage learners to develop their interest in, and understanding of, important developments. They will also enable learners to ask significant questions about important issues.

Unit 3: Civil Rights in the USA 1865–1992

This option is a thematic study which will allow students to cover the progress (or lack) of civil rights in the USA. It will allow students to focus on African Americans, Trade Unions, Native Americans and Women. The topic is based on themes covering an extended period of over 100 years with a focus on continuity, development, change and evaluation of interpretations. The emphasis is on developing and interpreting a broad overview of the period, whilst also considering the validity of historical interpretations on specific topics within the theme, therefore combining breadth and depth.

Unit 4:

The History A unit Y100 Topic based essay is an independently researched essay of 3000–4000 words in length. This unit is a non-exam assessment. The essay should include an explanation and analysis of different perspectives on a clearly-stated historical issue, drawing on a range of primary and secondary material. As an independent enquiry using a range of sources and interpretations, the essay will require students to develop an understanding of how historians work.

Entry Requirements:

minimum of grade 6 in History, and Grade 5 in English and Maths

Possible progression routes:

Studying history at A level is seen as a facilitating subject and is seen by universities as a highly academic and diverse subject. Students that study history tend to go on to study history, law, politics and government, international studies, philosophy and English at university. The skills that you acquire at A level prepare you for the rigour of analysis and evaluation and the ability to construct detailed and analytical pieces of work. Such skills lend themselves to careers in journalism, teaching, law, communications and politics.

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How to apply?

To apply to Bideford College Sixth Form please complete our online application form:

<https://www.bidefordcollege.uk/sixth-form>

Our admissions team will then be in contact to arrange a Sixth Form interview to discuss your options, your aspirations, and to provide advice and guidance on your next steps.

If you cannot access the website, or would like to submit a paper based application please email or call.

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Further details about all of the courses we offer can be found on our website.