

■ IB History HL and SL

Introduction

The History Department has a high academic profile with three dynamic full time members of staff. The aim of the IB History course is to develop students' skills of critical analysis and to produce well-rounded, dynamic and erudite individuals with the confidence to address the issues and challenges of the 21st century. To this end a variety of teaching methods is employed, involving much discussion and debate. Equally, we aim to achieve high final marks and to emulate the success achieved by the department at A level (90% A-B Grades 2004-06). Where possible, IB students are advised to opt for Higher Level as the material covered in paper 3 will be of great benefit for paper 2. (Special guidance is given for entry to Oxford/Cambridge Universities, as well as to students seeking to study Law/Politics).

In addition, the department organises trips to lectures and events of interest and to local sites such as Wells Cathedral, Sedgemoor Battlefield and Tintern Abbey. In recent years, overseas trips have included Egypt, Istanbul and Morocco. The popular Lisk History Society provides a wide ranging programme of activities within school.

Content

Paper 1 Prescribed Subject:

- The Cold War 1960-79

Paper 2 C20th World history topics:

- Causes, practices and effects of War:
Mexican Revolution, World War I, World War II, Russian Revolution and Civil War, Korea, Cuba, Vietnam.
- Risk and rule of single party states:
Germany and Hitler, USSR Lenin and Stalin, Cuba and Castro, Argentina and Peron.

Paper 3 Regional option (HL only)

- The Americas:
US Civil War
Mexican Revolution 1910-40
US Civil Rights Movement 1945-95
US Foreign Policy 1945-95

Paper 4 Historical Investigation (1500-2000 words).

Assessment

The external assessment consists of two written papers (75%) at Standard Level, and three written papers (80%) at Higher Level. The historical investigation on a historical topic of the student's own choice contributes the remaining marks.