

IGCSE History

Overview

This program is designed to develop student's historical knowledge over a range of historical contexts in the 19th and 20th centuries. As students work with a mentor to identify their strengths and weaknesses within the program, they will continue to develop their knowledge of the past so as to understand the nature of humans and the world today. Students will focus on key historical concepts to critically examine the past through political, economic, social, and cultural lenses. Aside from garnering overall interest in history, our mentor will encourage students to enhance their understanding of the interconnectedness of international events.

Objectives

- Develop rigorous and coherent arguments in an essay format, using substantiated judgement
- Critically evaluate the reliability of historical sources
- Develop a sense of inquiry through engaging in with multiple perspectives and opinions
- Promote an understanding of key historical concepts: cause and consequence, change and continuity, and similarity and difference

Structure

- Reflect on current knowledge of the range of topics that History covers and identify strengths and weaknesses
 - Develop a personalised curriculum
- Outline the most common questions in Papers 1-2 and provide sample model answers
- Explore historical events
 - Critical thinking and problem-solving practice
 - Develop data analysis skills
 - Question reliability and validity of data
 - Improve evaluative thinking
 - Source-based questions
- Critically investigate sources through change, causation, and significance
 - Interpret competing and contestable claims
 - Evaluate purpose and origin of historical sources
- Examine a variety of multi-perspective sources to promote international mindedness
- Practice reporting primary and secondary data in the form of a report
 - Writing style
 - Communication skills
- Exam practice
 - Past papers
 - Planning and structuring responses

