1. Examination board and course title:
A-level History
AQA

QAN: 601/4973/5
2. Course overview

Specification: A Level History 7042

The qualification is designed to help students:
- Develop their interest in history and understand its intrinsic value and significance.
- Understand different identities within society and appreciate aspects such as social, cultural, religious and ethnic diversity.
- Improve as effective and independent students and as critical and reflective thinkers.
- Organise and communicate knowledge and understanding in different ways, arguing a case and reaching substantiated judgements.
- Acquire an understanding of the nature of historical study, for example that history is concerned with judgement based on available evidence and that historical judgements are provisional.

A Level History has three units of study:

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<td>Industrialisation and the People: Britain, c.1783-1885</td>
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<td>Depth</td>
<td>Revolution and Dictatorship: Russia, 1917-1953</td>
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<td>Historical investigation</td>
<td>Theme for research determined by student in consultation with teacher</td>
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### 3. Assessment outline

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<td>3</td>
<td>Coursework</td>
<td>2 terms</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>A personal study based on a topic of student’s choice This should take the form of a question in the context of approximately 100 years Assessed by an essay of 3000-3500 words</td>
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4. Entry requirements
Students must have achieved at least a grade 5 in GCSE History and a 5 in GCSE English.

Extracurricular Activity
There is an opportunity each year for 2 year 12 history students to take part in the Lessons from Auschwitz project funded by the Holocaust Educational Trust. The project includes two seminars in Birmingham City Centre and a visit to Auschwitz.

Year 12 History students visit Newman University where the history lecturers support our students with lectures and essay technique. Our history students also have reading rights at Newman University library to assist them with their research for coursework.

Year 13 History students visit Birmingham University for an induction session about research techniques and use of the university library. Students then gain reading rights at the library, again to assist with research for coursework.

5. Career pathways.
There are a wide range of opportunities, including:
- Business
- Journalism
- Law
- Management
- Politics
- Teaching