

BHASVIC HISTORY

Information about the History Courses

At BHASVIC you have two distinct course options:

- **Modern History:** “Democracy, Dictatorship and Social Change in the Modern World”
- **Medieval and Early Modern History:** “Conquest, Crusade and Conflict in the Medieval World”

Both courses are **two year linear A levels** which provide a fascinating insight to the past. You will investigate how revolutions, dictatorships and great international and domestic conflicts have shaped our world. You will compare the history of the British Isles with global developments and will consider the impact of hugely controversial individuals like Mao, Stalin, Oliver Cromwell and Saladin.

What is Studying History Like?

History is an analytical subject and if you like asking questions, **arguing** your point and arriving at your own **judgments** then you will be well suited to it. There is plenty of opportunity for **individual research** from books, films, articles and the internet.

You will be using **historical evidence** extensively. Sources are the raw materials of the historian and you will learn how to consider its use, value and reliability in supporting your own interpretations.

Discussion and **debate** are emphasized in lessons, encouraging you to develop your own skills and to think **independently** rather than just learning factual material. There are also lots of visiting speakers, trips and extension activities to enrich your experience.

MODERN HISTORY

Paper One

Russia from Lenin to Yeltsin, 1917-91

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Paper Two

Mao's China, 1949-76

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Paper Three

Protest, Agitation and Parliamentary Reform, 1780-1928

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Coursework

The origins of the Cold War

MEDIEVAL & EARLY MODERN HISTORY

Paper One

The Crusades, 1095-1204

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Paper Two

Anglo Saxon England and the Anglo-Norman Kingdom, 1053-1106

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Paper Three

The Witch Craze in Britain, Europe and North America, c. 1580-c.1750

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Coursework

The English Civil War, 1625-1642

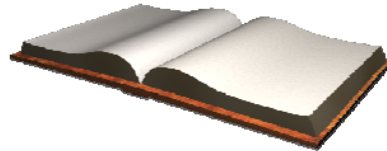


KEY FEATURES

- Open Access subject — you don't need to have studied History before.
- Range of Assessment: Exam — Sources & Essays; Coursework
- Both new and familiar topics to study
- Supported by trips and visits e.g. Sicily, Moscow and St Petersburg
- Prestigious and highly respected qualification
- Excellent employment rates for historians, especially in law; the media and business.

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Your summer work is found at: <http://bhasvichistory.weebly.com>. Choose Modern or Medieval & Early Modern.



THINGS TO READ ...

- J. Phillips, *The Crusades 1095-1197*
- C. Tyerman, *God's War*
- J. Bradbury: *The Battle of Hastings*
- Jung Chang, *Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China*
- O. Figes, *Revolutionary Russia*

Very Short Introduction Series:

- R. Mitter, *Modern China: A Very Short Introduction*
- G. Garnett, *The Norman Conquest: A Very Short Introduction*
- S. Smith, *The Russian Revolution: A Very Short Introduction*
- C. Tyerman, *The Crusades: A Very Short Introduction*
- J. Arnold, *History: A Very Short Introduction*

FILMS TO WATCH ...

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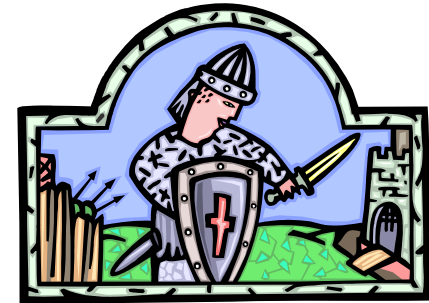
- "The Last Emperor" [China]
- "Kingdom of Heaven"
[Crusades]
- "Doctor Zhivago" [Russia]
- "Stalingrad" [Russia]
- "The History Boys" [General History]



PLACES TO VISIT ...

- Imperial War Museum
- Cabinet War Rooms & Churchill Museum
- Palace of Westminster [Parliament]

- Battle Abbey
- Pevensey Castle
- Westminster Abbey



USEFUL WEBSITES ...

Orlando Figes: www.revolutionaryrussia.com

Spartacus: www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk

National Archives:
www.learningcurve.gov.uk

BBC History: www.bbc.co.uk/history



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