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MARPLE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

A Level in History

Location	Marple College
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	A Levels
Start Date	Tuesday 1st September 2026
Course Code	MFQ-ML3L-1112

Course Overview

To make sense of the world we live in it is essential to understand key events, individuals, movements and conflicts that have shaped history. History's importance goes beyond the subject's intrinsic interest and appeal. Every aspect of our lives, from our beliefs, culture, institutions, language and way of life are all shaped by the past.

The course follows the theme of 'revolutions' in modern and early modern Europe. You will study the political, religious, social and economic changes that took place in Britain between 1625 and 1701, the revolutionary events in Russia between 1894 and 1924 and the Witch Craze in Europe and North America between c1580 and 1750.

Course Requirements

PLEASE NOTE - YOU MUST APPLY FOR 3 A LEVELS

Standard A Level entry requirements: 5 x GCSE grade 5s or above (must include Maths and English Language). However, certain subjects may have additional entry criteria, which can be found below:

Additional Entry Requirements:
A Level History will require grade 5 in GCSE History.

What You Will Learn

Study visits develop students' understanding of history. You will be taught through discussion, research, group work, student conferences, university visits, field trips and individual research.

- You will study a variety of early modern and modern topics.
- You will carry out independent investigative research that equips you with skills required at university.

Assessment

You will take three exams after two years (worth 80% of the course) and the other 20% is coursework, focusing on a historical controversy

Progression

Once you've finished you'll have a range of useful skills including the ability to analyse, debate, create a strong argument and communicate effectively. These will be a really big help to you at university and in employment. A well trained historian can deal with lots of facts, arguments and viewpoints and build up strong arguments. Employers rate the skills of a historian very highly and history students find employment in a wide range of jobs including research, journalism and the media, management and public relations.

Career Options

History can lead you into a variety of different careers, including law, politics and business, journalism, social work and public services, and of course, teaching.

Mandatory Units

N/A

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