

# HISTORY

## A Level

### Why Study this course?

- You enjoyed the study of History at school, even if you didn't do it at GCSE.
- You enjoy studying the past, and how and why historical processes develop.
- You would like to understand and explore how the past has influenced our modern world.
- You like to question, discuss and debate ideas and situations.

### What You'll Study

#### Year 1:

Year 12 will be spent studying the theme of 'searching for rights and freedoms in the 20th century', analysing the History of the USA and Apartheid in South Africa.

You will examine different views and debates around these key issues as well as developing your ability to evaluate historical sources.

At the end of Year 12, all students will sit AS exams on USA, 1917-1996 and South Africa, 1948-94

- Unit 1: In search of the American dream: c.1917-1996
- Unit 2: South Africa: Apartheid to Rainbow Nation, 1948-94

#### Year 2:

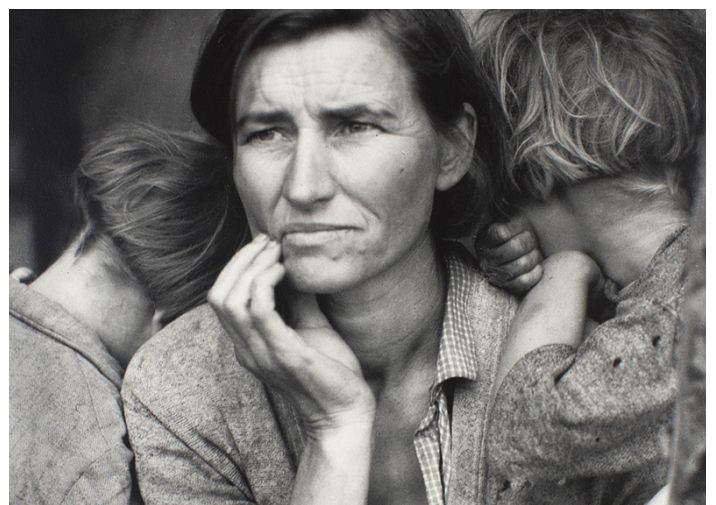
The introduction of coursework in Year 13 provides a fantastic opportunity to build your skills of independent research and enquiry, as well as preparing you for the important transition from A level to University study.

In addition, you will study for an exam on the British empire, 1763-1914.

- Unit 3: Britain: Losing and gaining an empire, 1763-1914 (Year 13)
- Unit 4: Coursework – The origins of the Cold War (Year 13)

### Career Progression

- In addition to History itself, you will be well-equipped to study degrees in Law, Politics and many other Social Science and Humanities subjects.
- History is still one of the most widely-valued and respected subjects for both university entrance and for progression in the professional career market.
- In an increasingly competitive world, an experience of the study of History is of enduring value.



## Why study History at PWSFC?

### Why I chose History

*"We find History to be an inspiring, motivating and interesting subject which will help us in future aspects of our lives, as you learn about the past and apply it to the present. If you're interested in topics such as civilisation, culture, society, religion and politics, are up for a challenge, then History would be a perfect choice for you.*

*As well as gaining brilliant skills, the teachers are always enthusiastic and keen to teach."*

### If you like this subject, you may also like:

Government and Politics, Economics,  
Philosophy, English (Language or Literature)

### Why Parrs Wood?

*"History A Level at Parrs Wood Sixth Form is interesting, challenging and fun! The teachers are enthusiastic and dedicated, making no two lessons the same. History isn't a subject for those of you who want to do an 'easy' A Level (if there is such a thing) but if you're hard working, up for a challenge and want to stretch yourself then definitely study it."*



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