



BRUTON SCHOOL

FOR GIRLS

ON SUNNY HILL

History

Mrs J Dixon

Academic Requirements

Preferably grade B or better at GCSE, but it is possible for students with good analytical and writing skills to embark on the course without a GCSE background. The course acts as a natural progression from GCSE, and supports development to further study and a wide range of careers.

Course Specification Edexcel

We study the Edexcel A level specification. This entails four units including one coursework unit and three examinations. We study Units 1 and 2 in the Lower Sixth, and Units 3 and 4 in the Upper Sixth.

The course consists of:

Unit 1: Breath Study

Britain, c1785-c1870 Democracy, protest and reform

Unit 2: Depth Study

The Unification of Germany, c1840-71

Unit 3: Themes in Breadth

The making of modern Russia, 1855-1991

Unit 4: Historical Enquiry [Coursework]

Research topic of student's choice exploring a topic of historical controversy and disagreement among historians: 4000 words

Why History?

The success rate for students has been high. It is a traditional subject, highly respected on university and job applications, which involves research, analysis, evaluation and the coherent expression of ideas. These skills are valued in professions such as law, teaching, journalism and politics.

A Student's Perspective

"History looks at political, moral and social issues which are fascinating to study and discuss. It develops priceless skills of analysis and critical thinking. In looking into the past, we are better able to understand the present."

"History is the most fascinating subject because you get to learn interesting stories from the past and to write better essays than your friends!"