

# History A Level



## Units

### Paper 1, Option 1E:

#### Russia, 1917–91: from Lenin to Yeltsin

This option comprises a study in breadth, in which you will learn about the key political, social and economic features of communist rule in Russia during the twentieth century, an era that saw its authority and influence rise to the status of a superpower, only to diminish and decline later in the century.

The focus of study is on developments and changes over a broad timescale, and so the content is presented as themes spanning a significant duration: 1917–85. This option also contains a study in depth of historical interpretations on a broad question, which is contextualised by, and runs on from, the themes: reasons for the fall of the USSR, c1985–91.

Exam Unit – 30% of A Level

### Paper 2, Option 2E.1:

#### Mao's China, 1949–76

This option comprises a study in depth of the transformation of communist China in the years 1949–76. The aftershocks of these changes are still being felt today as China emerges as a great economic and political power on the world stage.

Students will gain an in-depth understanding of the nature and extent of change in this period, the effects of Mao Zedong's policies on the lives of the Chinese people, and Mao's role in driving dramatic political, social and economic changes.

Exam Unit – 20% of A Level

### Paper 3, Option 31:

#### Rebellion and disorder under the Tudors, 1485–1603

This option comprises two parts: the *Aspects in breadth* focus on long-term changes and contextualise the *Aspects in depth*, which focus in detail on key episodes. Together, the breadth and depth topics explore the nature of rebellion and disorder under the Tudors and the way the various challenges were met, the nature of change in government over the period and the changing relationship between the Crown and key sections of society. The option enables you to explore the way in which, despite a shaky start, the Tudors were able to establish their dynasty as one of the most powerful England has seen.

Exam Unit – 30% of A Level

### Independent Coursework

This is a written paper that students have to research independently. They choose the topic to investigate and have to produce a 4000 word essay based on this research.

Coursework Unit – 20% of A Level

## Methods of Assessment:

The 3 exam units are externally assessed. The coursework is marked by the centre and moderated by the exam board.