

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### HISTORY A'LEVEL AT COLLYERS

#### **Question: What are some of the key topics I would cover?**

**Answer:** In your first year, you will study Communist States in the Twentieth Century:

Paper 1 Russia, 1917 – 1991 – this course covers Lenin's October Revolution which turned Russia into a Communist Country, the formation of the USSR all the way to the Collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 and the ascendancy of Boris Yeltsin.

Paper 2 Mao's China 1949 – 1976 – this course covers the often-unknown history of Chairman Mao's rise to power and the impact he had on the Chinese people and the Cold War from 1945 – 1976.

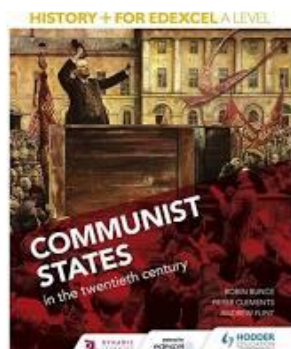
In your second year, you will study Protest, Agitation and Parliamentary Reform from 1780 – 1928. This course covers the history of radical protest in Britain, including the Chartists & Suffragettes and the slow changing of Britain into a modern Democracy.

You will also complete a 4000-word coursework essay on The Holocaust

#### **Question: What books do I need?**

**Answer:** In your first year you will need [Communist States in the Twentieth Century](#) (It can be ordered in most bookshops)

In your second year you will need [Protest Agitation and Parliamentary Reform 1780 – 1928](#) (It can be ordered in most bookshops)



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**Question: What is the learning style like within this subject?**

**Answer:** In History, we use a range of different teaching styles as we know that one size does not fit all. We are a creative department that is also a highly professional and our students comment on the range of activities they undertake and resources available to them.

**Question: How will I be assessed?**

**Answer:** The A level History course is 80 % exam and 20 % coursework. You will take 3 exams at the end of your second year at Collyers.

**Question: What support can I access if I am struggling?**

**Answer:** The History Department offer a range of support through workshops and mentors. You can also access support through the Collyers Study Support Department

**Question: Are there any subject specific entry requirements?**

**Answer:** Yes, please refer to the prospectus [here](#) for general and subject specific entry requirements

**Question: Are there normally any trips that I can go on?**

**Answer:** Yes. We go to Manchester and Birmingham every year to trace the routes of radical protest in Britain. We are also hoping to go to Krakow and Auschwitz to help students gain a deeper understanding of the Holocaust.



**Question: What do students who have studied this area normally do after Collyer's?**

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**Answer:** Students with a History A level often go on to do a range of different courses as it is a facilitating subject. We have ex students who are teachers, lecturers, archivists and who work in International Development.