



A Level History

Why study History?

History is not just about what has happened in the past. It is about what different people think happened and how they explain it. This vibrant and dynamic subject helps you to understand today's world and how it has been shaped into the place we see today.

Entry Requirements

A grade 5 in GCSE History is required.

Exam Board

AQA

Course Content

During the A Level course you will build upon the knowledge and skills gained at GCSE and will study a range of topics from different countries and different time periods: Industrialisation and the people: Britain 1783-1885; The American Dream 1945-1980; Anti-Semitism, Nazi Germany and the Holocaust 1848-1945.

In addition to enriching your knowledge and understanding of the past, you will further develop your historical skills including source analysis, constructing arguments about different historical issues and reaching informed conclusions. You will also spend time looking at differing interpretations of the past. You will examine the views and opinions of different historians and will compare their views with your own.

How will you be assessed?

You will be assessed through two examinations, each of which are 2 hours 30 minutes and are worth 40% of the A Level. You will also complete a coursework essay, which is worth 20%.

How is History useful for your future?

Many employers in industry, commerce and the professions value the skills acquired by students of A Level History very highly, as do the universities. These skills include the ability to research, assimilate and order information. You will use powers of analysis to evaluate evidence and construct logical and coherent arguments. Careers using History include: Legal Professions; Journalism; Library and Archive work; Teaching; Armed Forces; Police and Criminology; Museums and Heritage Conservation; Archaeology. History is a valuable subject for so many different career paths and will help you to establish your future.

