



History

What is the exam board and route?

A Level History AQA 1B and 2B

Subject Entry Requirements: No entry requirements. No need to have studied GCSE History. Open to all who are enthusiastic and committed. Involves essay writing.

Subject outline

History is a subject for the intellectually curious and is a passion for life. Three exciting topics will be covered over the two years:

- Wars of the Roses
- Spain as a Great Power
- Italian Renaissance (Non-Examined Assessment)

How is the course assessed?

2 exams, each 2 hours 30 minutes long, plus a 4000 words Non-Examined Assessment

Why study this subject?

History has been a top university destination subject at the Grammar School for a number of years. The department has, year-on-year, secured some of the best results in the school (2022 50% A*-A with 90% A*-B, 2019 59% A*/A with 72% A*-B, 2018 46% A/A* with 66% A*-B). History uniquely teaches students to write university-length extended prose, analyse primary material, construct sophisticated arguments and develop eloquence. That is what you will need in your future career in Academia/Finance/ the Law/Diplomacy.

Complementary subjects

Politics, Economics, Religious Studies, Geography, English, Classics, Sociology.

Possible careers

Occupations that view History students as being a real asset include: researchers, broadcasters, journalists, local government officers, civil servants, pollsters, lobbyists, teachers, lawyers, financiers & bankers, the health service, public relations, the police and military, management training, advertising and a wide range of business opportunities.

Subject enrichment available

Fieldwork, both in the UK and international is complimented with a range of other clubs and activities.

- Senior History Society
- University Historians
- Oxbridge preparation
- Florence trip
- Historical Association Great Debate
- Oxbridge History essay prizes
- Exam-preparation webinars
- The Tours of the Roses trip
- Access to the History Library

