



Course Description

Studying history at A-Level is challenging and rewarding as you get to unwrap more complex layers of history. You will delve deeper into historical evidence and debate issues that inform your understanding of the present.

History compliments any other choice of A Levels whether it is as part of a combination of largely Humanities subjects, or a broadening subject to compliment the sciences. It will give you the ability to understand the context in subject such as English, Psychology or Philosophy.

Scheme of Assessment

Component 1: Breadth study

This component looks at change and continuity over one hundred years of history.

It explores significant developments and historians' interpretations of these developments.

Challenge and transformation: Britain 1851- 1964

Year 12: Victorian and Edwardian Britain, 1851- 1914

Year 13: The World Wars and their legacies: Britain, 1914–1964

Component 2: Depth study

This component looks at a period of major change in depth by exploring the interrelationship of a variety of perspectives with reference to contemporary evidence.

Revolution and dictatorship: Russia, 1917–1953

Year 12 The Russian Revolution and the Rise of Stalin, 1917–1929

Year 13 - Stalin's Rule, 1929–1953

Component 3: Historical investigation

Non-Examined Assessment – Coursework essay

This component is an historical investigation which gives the student an opportunity to research a topic and to produce an independent piece of extended writing.

Examining Body: AQA

Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs 9-5 including a grade 5 in History and a minimum grade of 5 in

English Language

What equipment or materials do I need?

Textbook, stationary, lever-arch folder.

Career Progression

Whatever you are planning to do next, history is an excellent choice. Not only does history work in harmony with most other subjects, but the transferable skills, such as learning how to write analytical essays, will help to prepare you for the world beyond your formal education. This might be a history degree, a degree in a different subject, an apprenticeship or a job. History teaches you how to think critically rather than simply accept what you are told. It teaches you how to debate and argue logically which is a useful skill at university, in the world of work and in life. As a result of this History is widely respected by universities and employers. History is a highly desirable qualification for:

Media and Journalism

Charity Work

Law and the Police and Armed Forces

Teaching in Schools

Museums and Galleries

Archives, Record Offices, Libraries and

Universities

Archaeology and Architecture, Conservation and

Horticulture

National and Local Government, Civil Service and

Diplomatic Service