

History

A Level

Exam Board: AQA

Subject Specific Criteria:

- Grade 5 in GCSE History
- Grade 5 in English Literature or English Language

Units Studied:

- The Tudors: England, 1485–1603
- Revolution and dictatorship: Russia, 1917–1953
- Non-examined assessment – coursework essay

Course Information:

Students will build upon the skills gained at GCSE and apply them to new areas of study. Students will gain an in-depth knowledge of two fascinating areas of History.

Assessment is in the form of two written exams at the end of Year 13, each lasting 2 hours 30 minutes and a piece of coursework completed by the first term of Year 13.

Skills Required:

- Analytical and critical thinking skills
- Independent learning
- Investigative skills
- Communication skills

Futures:

Once students have gained a History A Level they can continue their studies at university. History offers a wide range of transferable skills that are valued by universities for a range of degrees: independence, research skills, analysis and critical thinking, constructing an argument. These skills that are continually developed in a History degree are highly valued by employers in all sectors.

Subject Enrichment:

History students in the past have been on trips to museums and archives, seeing historical artefacts up close and debating historical preconceptions.



Student Quote

“I love studying History because of the modules on offer! Early Soviet history is incredible to learn about and the Tudors are always interesting. The teachers for History A Level are also great – they explain thoroughly and present the topics in ways that are really engaging.”
Joe, Year 13