

History

A Level (AQA)

History gives a strong academic basis for a huge number of university courses. If you plan to study History at university or you are aiming for a career in government, education, business, journalism, law or public relations, History is the right A level subject for you.

Entry Requirements

- **Minimum Standard:** Five or more grades at 4+ in GCSE or equivalent, including English and Maths.
- **Additional Criteria:** Minimum standard with a 5+ in Geography.

What will you learn?

A Level History comprises three units:

Unit 1 – Breadth Study – 40% of A Level
The Tudors: England 1485–1603

Unit 2 – Depth Study – 40% of A Level
The Cold War c1945–1991

Unit 3 – Non-Examined Assessment (Coursework) – 20% of A Level
The abolition of slavery in the British Empire, 1707–1833

How will you learn?

You will learn through a combination of broad chronological study, focused depth investigation, independent research, and structured essay writing.

- **Independent Reading:** Moving beyond GCSE, you will read widely to gather precise factual evidence and conflicting historical interpretations.
- **Source & Extract Analysis:** You will regularly practice interrogating primary sources and secondary interpretations to judge their validity, bias, and utility.
- **Essay Practice:** You will train to plan and write structured 25-mark analytical essays under timed conditions, using precise dates and concise quotations to back up your arguments.

How will you be assessed?

80%

Examinations

Paper 1 Breadth Study – 40% of final grade
Paper 2 Depth Study – 40% of final grade

20%

Coursework

(NEA) Historical Investigation – 20% of final grade

Where will it take you?

History at A level will develop your skills of communication, critical thinking, analysis and evaluation whilst provide you with the confidence needed to perform well in many academic university subjects. Historical texts and source materials will be used to ensure students are developing the skills of real historians in preparation for University level courses.

Who should you talk to?

Please speak to Mrs Goldsmith or email:
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