

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. A level History is a two-year course split between two teachers. After the second year you will be awarded the full A level (A2) after taking two final exams and completing coursework.

What will you learn?

A Level History comprises of two units:

- Unit 1 – Breadth Study – 40% of A level
- Topic: The British Empire, c1857–1967

- Unit 2 – Depth Study - 40% of A level
- Topic: The Cold War, c1945–1991

- Unit 3 – Non Examined Assessment (coursework) – 20% of A level
- Topic: Candidates choice of a historical theme, personality or event that covers 100 year period.

How will you be assessed?

A level History is 80% examination and 20% NEA coursework

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 to talk to?

Please speak to Mr Schmidt (Subject Leader for History), or email daniel.schmidt@thebourneacademy.com

What will you need to study this course?

Students will need to have five or more 9-5 grades at GCSE and you must have at least a grade 6 in GCSE History. Students who have not studied History before are able to apply considering their GCSE grades reflect at least a 6 standard. A level History is a demanding academic course requiring strong analysis skills and the ability to perform extensive independent reading and research.