



HISTORY

Exam Board: AQA

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COURSE SUMMARY

This fascinating course consists of four units which collectively cover themes from British, European and world history. The British unit focuses on the captivating period of the early Tudors, dating from 1485–1547. The topics studied include Henry VII, Henry VIII and the mid-Tudor crisis from 1547–1558. The unit focusing on Germany from 1919 to 1963, covers the turbulent period in German history, which saw the rise of Hitler followed by 12 years of Nazi rule, before Germany was then divided into East and West. A third unit is a thematic study of Russia's history during the period 1855–1964 and focuses in particular on continuity and change as Russia moves from a Tsarist system of government to one of Communist dictatorship. The final aspect to the A Level History course is a coursework unit in which students investigate a history topic of their choice. For this task, students are given the opportunity to research a particular event or period, and then produce their own personal investigation into that topic.



WHY STUDY HISTORY?

Studying History at A Level is not only genuinely interesting but also develops vital analytical, research and communication skills. The teaching is really engaging and the lessons are enjoyable. *Sam and Megan*

"When I leave school I hope to go to university to study Conservation Biology and Ecology. My choice of subjects has set me up well for this course. I have studied History, Biology and Geography." Robert

WHAT HAPPENS IN LESSONS?

Lessons are mainly content based, but regularly interspersed with exam based skills for essay writing. Students also take part in group activities which help reinforce learning. In the second half of Year 13 many lessons provide opportunities for independent learning enabling students to progress with coursework. *Robert*

COURSE ASSESSMENT

This is a new linear course. This means that students opting for an A Level in this subject will be committing to a two year linear course, with all units examined at the end of Year 13. AS Levels will still exist and can be taken as a stand-alone qualification at the end of Year 12, but students taking this option and then continuing to study the subject in Year 13 would have to sit all the A Level units as linear exams to gain that qualification.

MIGHT LEAD TO...

You'll be amazed at the number of careers that are supported by a History qualification: Journalism, law, politics, broadcasting, management, museum work, teaching, archaeologist, to name just a few. Employers really value individuals who have the skills to research, analyse and communicate information effectively, and these are skills you will get from studying History.

ADVICE ON ENTRY

History GCSE is not a requirement, but where students have completed the GCSE course, a B grade or higher is preferred.

READING AROUND THE SUBJECT

- [Historical Association](#)
- [History Learning Site](#)
- [National Archives](#)
- [SparkNotes](#)