

History

Exam Board: OCR



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Course Summary

The A Level History 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 connected to one of the other 3 units. 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.

Entry Requirements

History GCSE is not a requirement, but where students have completed the GCSE course, a Grade 5 or higher is required.

Course Assessment

This is a 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.

Where might it lead?

A significant number of further education and employment pathways are supported by an A Level History qualification. These include journalism, law, politics, broadcasting, management, museum work, teaching, archaeology, 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 gain from studying A Level History.



Lessons are mainly content based and with a regular focus on essay writing skills. Students also take part in group activities which help reinforce learning. In the second half of Year 13 lessons provide lots of opportunities for independent learning, enabling students to progress with coursework. ROBERT