

History

Examination Board: AQA

Qualification: A level

Teacher Contact: Mr Allen

Entry Requirements: Grade 6 or above at GCSE History.

Students who have not taken GCSE History will also be considered but need to consult with Mr Allen and must have at least a grade 5 in English and Mathematics.

What will I study?

Candidates study two units throughout the two years of the course: a **breadth study** and a **depth study**. There will be one exam at the end of Year 13 for each of these units.

Breadth Study

The Tudors: England 1485–1603 (Year 1: 1485–1547)

A look at a crucial period in English history: the consolidation of the Tudor dynasty and its struggles with the Church, foreign powers and internal rebellions.

Depth Study

Russia: Revolution and Dictatorship, 1917–1953

(Year 1: 1917–1929)

We focus on the fascinating experiment that took place in Russia after the Revolution in 1917: the first attempt by a country to make Communism work, and the subsequent descent into bloody dictatorship under Stalin.

Historical Investigation (Year 2)

You choose the question and write an extended essay on a topic of your choice. This should take the form of a question in the context of approximately 100 years. This is a fantastic opportunity to develop your interest in a particular period of history and is great preparation for writing and researching essays at university level.

Am I suited to this course?

You would be well-suited to studying History at A level if you:

- enjoy learning about key events using a rich variety of learning resources and stimuli including film, literature, personal memoirs and original 16th century sources
- are interested in studying and comparing developments in both Britain and the wider world
- like finding out about individuals in the past, and how they changed people's lives
- enjoy expressing yourself with the written word, and reading around the subject.

What other subjects does it complement?

English, Sociology, Law and Psychology combine particularly well with A level History. The skills required in Biology, Mathematics and Geography also support the study of History in Year 1.

Where can it lead?

History A level is an extremely desirable qualification for higher education and for a range of careers. It encourages independent study skills and you will learn the skills of evaluation, analysis and interpretation, which are invaluable to any employer. It can be used as a point of entry to study History or a related degree course at university.