

A Level History

Why study History at A Level?

History provides great opportunities for enquiry, discussion and debate.

You will study a range of historiographical perspectives and use these to develop your understanding of the changing world around us. If you have studied history before then you will find that the knowledge and the skills you have learnt will prove a valuable foundation for further studies at this level. Even if you have not studied this subject before, the course is just as accessible.

What will I study?

Unit 1: Mid-Tudor Crisis. The Tudor topic builds your analytical skills through the scrutinising of diaries, speeches and government letters. This unit provides you with the chance to delve into the intrigue of the Tudor monarchy in order gain a key understanding of how politics has developed through key topics such as female and minor rule and the influence of privilege and trade.

Unit 2: Democracy and Dictatorships in Germany. The Germany unit explores the rise and fall of political extremism and democracy in Germany. This is done through a range of interpretations, a study of revolutions and landmark events within German history.

Unit 3: American Civil Rights 1865 – 1992. This unit looks at the transformation of rights for a variety of key groups including African Americans, women, trade unions, and Native American Indians. This study will include the role of key branches of US government and individuals such as Martin Luther King. Through this study you will gain a greater understanding of the context of modern America.

Unit 4: The coursework element, is an in-depth study that will also focus on an aspect of German history, allowing you to access this content in real depth. This module is highly regarded by universities and employers as the coursework involves research, enquiry and your own interpretation skills.

Assessment

80% examined, 20% coursework.

Study trips, visits and events

In Year 12 the course offers an opportunity to build on political skills through visits to The Houses of Parliament and Tower of London. The aim of the visit is to gain an in depth understanding of the relationship between The Crown and Parliament through the analysis of key political events studied.

The History department will also be organising a visit to Berlin once every 2 years. There will be opportunities during the visit to explore key areas of German political history such as the Reichstag, museum tours to gain further understanding of Nazi rule and time for reflection of the persecution minorities faced in Hitler's Germany.

Subject entry requirements

6 in History if taken, or 6 in English Literature if not taken.