

What is History A Level?

History is the study of past events. In history A Level you will learn about 2 periods of history in depth with one focusing on British history and the other focusing on world history. You will also have the opportunity to complete your own independent study of a period over 100 years which interests you. The study of history will not only inform you of past events but also help you understand why the world has developed in the way it has.

If you enjoyed the study of history at GCSE level, enjoy discussing current affairs, would like to know more about the world and want the opportunity of choosing what you learn about then history would be a great A Level choice for you.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

What content will I cover?

Paper	Topics	Weighting	When?
1	✓ Breadth study - The Tudors (1485-1603)	40% of A-Level	Year 13
2	✓ Depth study - Germany: Democracy and Nazism(1918-45)	40% of A-Level	Year 13
Historical investigation	✓ Pupil choice	20% of A-Level	Year 13

How will I be assessed?

You will take both A Level examinations at the end of Year 13. All of the exams are 2 hours 30 minutes long. The historical investigation must be completed in year 13.

What skills will I develop?

- ✓ Knowledge and understanding of key events and periods within history.
- ✓ The ability to critically analyse, interpret and evaluate historical sources
- ✓ The ability to critically analyse, interpret and evaluate a range of historical interpretations

WHERE CAN HISTORY A LEVEL TAKE ME?

With history A Level you could go on to study a wide range of degrees, in particular politics, history, law, sociology, philosophy, ethics, advertising or journalism.

History is also highly regarded by employers in industries including politics, international organisations, the media, government, teaching, law and the civil service.

WHAT DO I NEED TO ACHIEVE?

Alongside the academic threshold for A Level study you must also have achieved an A grade at GCSE level history..

RECOMMENDED READING:

The Tudor Century - I Dawson
The triumph of Elizabethan Britain - M Tillbrook
The Nazis: A Warning From History - L Rees
Democracy and Nazism: Germany 1918-1945 - R Whitfield

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

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