



Entry Criteria:

- You will need to achieve the pathway criteria, please see the prospectus for further information
- You will need to achieve a Grade 4 or above in GCSE English
- Students who are currently studying History should achieve a Grade 4 or above in the subject
- A background in History is useful but not a requirement.

Coursework/Examination Requirements:

AS Assessment Two examinations with 50% each

A Level Assessment Two examinations worth 40% each and one coursework element worth 20%.

Awarding Body/Specifications: AQA

Advanced Level (A Level): History is the study of our past which is essential if we are to avoid repeating our previous mistakes. Knowledge of our past is one of the things that defines our civilization. History is a discipline that combines a wide range of skills applicable to many other subjects and occupations. Two units are studied at AS Level and the content is designed to give a clear understanding of fundamental issues in the development of Britain and Europe. At A Level, these two units are extended for a longer time period and a third coursework element is added to develop independent research skills. **The following units will be covered on this course:**

AS/Year 12 Units

Unit 1 – The Tudors: England 1485-1547 - This option allows students to study a breadth of issues including: consolidation of the Tudor Dynasty under Henry VII • Society and Economy under the Tudors • Henry VIII, Government: Crown and Parliament, ministers, domestic policies including the establishment of the Royal Supremacy.

Unit 2 – Democracy and Nazism: Germany 1918-1933 - This option provides for an in-depth study of a period of German history during which a newly developed democratic form of government gave way to a dictatorial Nazi regime • The establishment of democracy after WWI • The 'Golden Years' of the Weimar Republic • The collapse of democracy and rise of Nazism.

A Level/Year 13 Units

Unit 1 – The Tudors: England 1547-1603 – This option includes all the material covered in the AS units plus, Part Two: England - Turmoil and Triumph • Instability and Consolidation: 'The Mid-Tudor Crisis' • The Triumph of Elizabeth, 1563–1603.

Unit 2 – Democracy and Nazism: Germany 1933-1945 - This option includes all the material covered in the AS units, plus: • The Nazi Dictatorship 1933-1945 • The Racial State • The Impact of War 1939-45

Unit 3 – Historical Investigation (Coursework) The Making of Modern Russia 1856-1964 - This is a coursework unit based around a central theme. Students have a great choice in deciding which aspect they may wish to concentrate upon.

Advanced Subsidiary (AS): If you choose to study this subject for one year you will be awarded the AS Level. You will cover the AS unit content and sit public examinations in Year 12.

Progression: Most A Level History students go on to Higher Education. History complements a wide range of other subjects; it is particularly linked to Law degrees. History is also the most common A Level amongst government ministers, journalists and increasingly businessmen and solicitors.

Opportunities: Personal research is an essential area of the course and opportunities here are almost limitless. There is a strong emphasis on reading around the subject using our online site and various resources. We also offer study visits to Berlin, Russia and London over the two years.