

History A-Level



Exam board: [AQA](#)

History is a popular subject post-16 and opens the door to various career opportunities such as finance, journalism, investment risk analysis, marketing, education, law and the civil service. The subject provides you with an opportunity to further enhance your analytical and communication skills. In a world of fake news, social media and extreme views it is vital that students can analyse information and question its authenticity whilst using factual evidence to support their opinions. The History A-Level course ensures that our students develop those abilities which are useful in a variety of careers and as life skills.

The History department is well resourced and you will have access to a variety of texts and articles. You will also get the chance to attend seminars given by specialist historians or our exam board throughout the year on many of the topics studied. History combines well with many other subjects whether art or science based. It is not unusual for students to take Mathematics, Physics and History. The course involves elements of British, European and wider world history. Political, economic and social issues are covered in depth.

History provides you with the opportunity to compare and evaluate different interpretations offered by historians, e.g. was life for the German people better under the Weimar government or Hitler and the Nazis? There is much room for debate and discussion in lessons on material that has already been prepared. There is also a significant element of source analysis enabling you to use those skills developed at GCSE.

Assessment:

Component 1 (Tudors 1485-1603): Breadth study written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes, three questions (one compulsory) 80 marks 40% of A-level

Component 2 (Germany 1918-1945): Depth study written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes, three questions (one compulsory) 80 marks 40% of A-level

Component 3 (Tsarist Russia 1825-1917): Historical coursework investigation. A personal study based on a question of student's choice within our Tsarist Russia topic focus. This should take the form of a question in the context of approximately 100 years. 40 marks 20% of A-Level.

Entry requirements:

9–6 GCSE History. It is possible to take A-level History without GCSE History. Students will be considered on an individual basis during interview and must have grades 9–6 in GCSE English Literature and English Language.

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Other course information:

Subscription to 'Modern History Review' £10.95. Oxford AQA History Revision guides for Democracy and Nazism and the Tudors, £6.99 each.

Who is the course for?

- Students who wish to undertake further studies in history, historical studies or politics.
- Students who are looking to take up careers for which a history background is relevant. These might include conservation work or environmental work, town planning, building restoration or tourism.
- Students who believe that education is more than just about learning a subject.

Career pathways:

History is a diverse subject that can lead you into a multitude of fields from media or law, to politics or journalism. Whilst the subject itself opens many doors, it is the skill set that history offers which is truly remarkable. Critical thinking, data analysis, source investigation, extended essay writing, debate, presentations; these are all skills highly regarded by employers.

'A Level History has taught me so much, not only about historical events but it has also helped me think about the wider issues that impact people in their everyday lives and how our decisions can have such consequences on others.'

Year 13 student 2023/24