

# A Level History



Exam Board: AQA

History is a popular subject post-16 and opens the door to various career opportunities such as accountancy, marketing, education, law and the civil service. The subject provides you with an opportunity to further enhance your analytical and communication 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 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 and European 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.

## Course overview:

Year 12

Unit 1C The Tudors, 1485–1547 20% of A-level

Unit 2O Democracy and Nazism: Germany 1918-33

Year 13

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Unit 2O Democracy and Nazism: Germany 1933-45

Coursework Unit

Historical enquiry coursework

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## Assessment:

Component 1: Breadth study and Component 2: Depth study written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes  
three questions (one compulsory)

80 marks 40% of A-level

Component 3: Historical investigation (Personal study) A personal study based on a topic of student's choice. This should take the form of a question in the context of approximately 100 years.

## 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.

## 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 skills 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.'*