



History



STUDY LEVEL

A level

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History is a rigorous and academic subject, which is highly regarded by both employers and universities. It is the study of how people's lives have been changed by the actions of key individuals and significant events. We tackle big questions and topics that will give you a deeper and wider understanding of all aspects of life such as politics, religion and culture.

What will I study?

Studying History will give you the opportunity to learn about dramatic moments that have changed the world. We cover topics including, the remarkable personalities of the five Tudor monarchs and the impact each of them had on government, religion, society and relations with other countries; the economic and political turmoil that led to the rise of the Nazi Party in Germany and the dramatic and devastating consequences for the German people; and the struggle of Black Americans to achieve civil rights and equality. You will be required to complete an historical enquiry into the role of key individuals such

as Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King and John F Kennedy and study turning points such as the end of slavery, bus boycotts and civil rights marches.

Co-curricular activities?

You will be invited to join the department on a visit to Washington DC in the summer of Year 12 and new opportunities are currently being developed for visits within the UK. The department organises visits to academic lectures and supports participation in university essay competitions and history related work experience.

Where might it lead?

The study of A level history develops strong communication skills and the ability to analyse a range of information and reach persuasive judgments. These are valued by all universities and are especially useful for degrees in subjects including History, Law, Business, English and Politics.

A wide range of job opportunities are also open to you, including journalism, broadcasting, law, local and central government, teaching, public relations and business management.

Course Breakdown

Course Summary

- Exam board is AQA

Paper	Content	Marks	Duration	Weighting
Unit 1	England 1485 – 1603	80	2 hours 30 minutes	40%
Unit 2	Germany 1918 – 45	80	2 hours 30 minutes	40%
Unit 3	Historical Enquiry	40	3500 word coursework essay	20%

Summary of Content

Unit 1: England 1485-1603

Henry VII and the establishment of the Tudor dynasty; Henry VIII and the revolution in Church and State; Edward VI, Mary I and the Mid Tudor Crisis; Elizabeth I, Turmoil and Triumph.

Unit 2: Germany 1918-45

The Weimar Republic; The Golden Age of Weimar 1924-28; The Collapse of Democracy 1928-33; The Nazi Dictatorship 1933-39; The Impact of the Nazi Dictatorship; Nazi Racial Policy 1933-45.

Unit 3: Historical Enquiry

Students will investigate a key issue surrounding the struggle for Civil Rights in the USA. Students will research issues such as the impact of the Civil Rights Movement and the role of Presidents. The essay will engage students in historical debate, and the analysis of a range of primary and secondary sources.

Suggested Preparation for September

We encourage all our students to read books and articles about the topics we study and there are hundreds to choose from. An excellent starting place for the Tudors is *The Winter King* by Thomas Penn. Similarly, *The Nazis a Warning from History* by Laurence Rees is a really good introduction to the Germany course.