

# A-Level History

## COURSE OUTLINE

Who can do A-Level History? The answer is anyone with a passion for the subject.

If you enjoy reading, writing, are self-motivated and interested in people then History is the subject for you. The A-Level History course builds on knowledge and skills gained at GCSE and examines a diverse range of topics including Democracy and Nazism and the Tudors. There is also a coursework unit which is completed in Year 13.

History is an academic subject and as a History student you'll be highly rated by universities and by employers. The skills you'll develop during the course, the ability to reason, to evaluate, to argue coherently and logically, to write persuasively, are all an excellent preparation for whatever degree you choose.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students who wish to study History at A-Level are required to have a Grade 5 in GCSE English and have a GCSE Grade 5 in History.

## COURSE CONTENT & ASSESSMENT

The A-Level qualification is a two-year course divided into two units of examined work covering different themes and one unit of coursework. Exams are at the end of Year 13.

### Component 1: The Tudors

The study of significant historical developments over a period of around 118 years and associated interpretations. Assessed - Written Exam: Section A - one compulsory question linked to historical interpretations (30 marks), Section B - two from three essays (2 x 25 marks).

### Component 2: Democracy and Nazism

The in-depth study of a period of major historical change or development and associated primary evidence. Assessed - Written Exam: Section A - one compulsory question linked to primary sources or sources contemporary to the period (30 marks), Section B - two from three essays (2 x 25 marks).

### Coursework

This should take the form of a question in the context of approximately 100 years, usually focused on 19th century riots, protests, scandals, violence and demonstration. Assessed—3,500 words, marked by teachers, moderated by AQA.

## PROGRESSION

Successful History students develop analytical, research and study skills which are useful in higher education and in the workplace. History is a well-respected discipline and is invaluable to any student intending to follow an academic subject at university. Those wishing to enter accountancy, law, journalism, medicine and teaching usually find that university admission tutors look favourably upon an A-Level in History.