

# History

## HISTORY & POLITICS DEPARTMENT

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Why choose the subject? 'To be ignorant of what happened before you were born is to be forever a child.' Cicero.

Studying History has far more uses than you may imagine. Many employers are only too willing to accept people with a History qualification at either A level or degree level, particularly Business, Commerce, Management Training, Personnel, the Civil Service, Accountancy, the Legal Profession or Retailing. This is because studying History enables you to develop skills of analysis, logical thinking, powers of deduction and formulation of ideas and arguments. These are just the sort of skills that all employers are looking for. In fact, the senior recruiting officer for one of the major banks once admitted that they were looking for people with a background in History - in preference to any other subject!

Finally, if you enjoyed GCSE History, you will enjoy History at A level even more!

Who is eligible?

We like students doing History to have at least a grade 6 at GCSE. However, some students in certain circumstances join the course without having studied GCSE History but they should have at least a grade 6 in English. We particularly welcome those students who are quite well organised, able to work independently and who have plenty of enthusiasm!

### A LEVEL QUALIFICATION

Year 2019/21 Advanced Subsidiary Award Examination Board: OCR	UNIT 1	British Period Study and Enquiry
	Description of Subject Content	<b>Y106 England 1485 - 1558 : The Early Tudors (Enquiry Topic - Mid Tudor Crisis 1547 - 58)</b>
	Length of Exam	1 hour 30 minutes
	Weighting	25% of A level
	Nature of Exam	One essay and one document based question.
	UNIT 2	Non-British Period Study
	Description of Subject Content	<b>Y223 The Cold War in Europe 1941 - 1995</b>
	Length of Exam	1 hour
	Weighting	15% of A level
	Nature of Exam	One essay and one mini essay question.
	UNIT 3	Thematic Study and Historical Interpretations
	Description of Subject Content	<b>Y319 Civil Rights in the USA 1865 - 1992</b>
	Length of Exam	2 hour 30 minutes
	Weighting	40% A level
	Nature of Exam	One essay question and one document-based question.

	<p>UNIT 4</p> <p>Description of Subject Content</p>	<p><b>Y100 Coursework</b></p> <p>An independently researched 3000 – 4000 word essay analysing different perspectives using a range of primary and secondary sources.</p>
	<p>Weighting</p>	<p>20% of A level</p>

**AS LEVEL QUALIFICATION**

<p>Year 2019/20 Advanced Subsidiary Award Examination Board: OCR</p>	<p>UNIT 1</p>	<p>British Period Study and Enquiry</p>
	<p>Description of Subject Content</p>	<p><b>Y106 England 1485 - 1558 : The Early Tudors (Enquiry Topic – Mid Tudor Crisis 1547 – 58)</b></p>
	<p>Length of Exam</p>	<p>1 hour 30 minutes</p>
	<p>Weighting</p>	<p>50% of AS level</p>
	<p>Nature of Exam</p>	<p>One essay and one document based question.</p>
	<p>UNIT 2</p>	<p>Non-British Period Study</p>
	<p>Description of Subject Content</p>	<p><b>Y223 The Cold War in Europe 1941 – 1995</b></p>
	<p>Length of Exam</p>	<p>1 hour 30 minutes</p>
	<p>Weighting</p>	<p>50% of AS level</p>
	<p>Nature of Exam</p>	<p>One essay and one mini essay question.</p>

**STUDENT VIEW**

History



History A level has allowed me to explore and investigate significant events within a range of periods such as the 16th century, the 19th century and the 20th. It is such a fascinating and versatile subject as it incorporates politics and economics.

I have been able to develop my understanding of the impact certain affairs have today. Overall it is an enjoyable and fulfilling course that presents many opportunities for future education.

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