

# History

## A Level

### Awarding Body: AQA

It is not essential to have studied History at GCSE but an interest in the subject, willingness and ability to work independently and be self motivated is a must! You will develop a wide range of skills including: interpretation, evaluation and judgment, debating, analysis and causation. All of these skills are greatly valued by employers and can be transferred across subjects.

### Course structure and content

During this course you will study three key areas of History:  
The significant historical developments of The Tudor Period in England (1485-1603); an in-depth study of The Cold War (1945-1991); a personal study focusing on an aspect of the British Empire 1857-1967.

### Units

#### **1C: The Tudor Period in England (1485-1603)**

This option allows students to focus on The Consolidation of the Tudor Dynasty during Henry VII and Henry VIII's reigns. During the second year of study you will focus on England through Turmoil and Triumph, 1547-1603, and will evaluate the Mid-Tudor Crisis and The Triumph of Elizabeth I.

#### **2R: The Cold War (1945-1991)**

This option allows students to study the conflicting ideologies at the heart of the Cold War. It looks at the origins of the Cold War and its impact on international relations. Crises and conflict in Europe, Asia and the wider world are examined. During the first year of study, you will consider the events of the Cold War 1945-1963 and the second year will cover 1963-1991.

#### **Component 3: Historical Investigation**

This option allows students to complete a personal study of their choice, focusing on an aspect of the British Empire 1857-1967, specifically the impact on India and Africa. This should take the form of a question in the context of approximately 100 years.

### How you will be examined:

You will be examined with one exam for each unit. The exam will be 2 hours. You will also complete an independent coursework, which will begin at the end of Year 12 and you will continue throughout Year 13.

### How will you learn?

Taking the step up to sixth form study means a commitment to becoming a genuine self-manager and independent enquirer. Formal lecture and note-taking lessons are broken up with discussions and debates, source and interpretation

exercises and games and quizzes. You will be expected to do about 5 hours private study each week, including reading key historians around the topic.

### **Progression**

Through the study of History you will learn to understand a wide range of information and viewpoints, analyse their utility, validity and provenance, then come to your own supported conclusions. History is a well respected A Level which will equip you with knowledge and skills which are prized in adult life enhancing employability and developing an ability to take part in a democratic society. Many of our students go on to study History at university, and many continue with social sciences or the arts. Careers in Law, Journalism, Business and The Civil Service are a small selection of the opportunities open to those who have studied History.

### **Entry Requirements**

Grade 6 at GCSE History. The Head of History will consider all applications on an individual basis.

### **Costs**

Students will be required to purchase a compulsory textbook for each unit in the first year, which are around £20 each. These will be used across the two years. You may wish to purchase extra revision guides but this is not compulsory. There may also be additional costs for trips.

### **Contact**

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