

HISTORY A LEVEL

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

In addition to enhancing your knowledge of periods of British and European history, this course will broaden your awareness of aspects such as politics, religion, culture and the position of women and provide an understanding of how and why changes have occurred over time, and how all of this impacts on the world today. It combines well with subjects such as English Literature, Economics, Politics, Geography, Ancient History and Classical Civilisation. It can also be useful for students studying German because of our coverage of Germany or French if the coursework option on France is chosen. Two units will be covered for the first year of A Level. You will study Germany and West Germany 1918–1989. This will include an interpretation section on Hitler’s foreign policy and the outbreak of the Second World War. You will also study Italy 1911–1946. This includes the dictatorship of Mussolini. The second year of A Level History consists of a coursework unit and an exam unit. For the exam, we shall cover ‘Rebellion and Disorder under the Tudors 1485–1603’. Five rebellions in the Tudor period are covered, together with study of how the Tudors governed. For the coursework unit students carry out an independent enquiry in which they analyse and evaluate interpretations of an historical event. There will be options to return to Twentieth Century history through looking at the debate over when the Holocaust became an intended policy of the Nazi regime or

remain in the Tudor period through looking at the debate over the causes of the Pilgrimage of Grace, a major rebellion in northern England in the reign of Henry VIII. We offer a third option on the debate over the nature of the Vichy regime in France 1940–1944 for students who wish to study an entirely new topic that does not overlap with our exam options.

WHAT NEXT?

A key course for students planning to continue on to university to study history-related subjects, History is also one of the eight ‘facilitating subjects’ that are considered to leave open a wide range of options for university study. It provides a strong grounding for those wishing to pursue many other subject areas at degree level. Alternatively, students may consider direct entry into employment or further training.

ASSESSMENT

Coursework (20%) Exam (80%).

DURATION

2 years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Standard entry requirements to include grade 5 in GCSE English Language and 4 in GCSE Mathematics.

EXAM BOARD

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COST

Optional conference visits and trips. A little over £20 per year for textbooks.

