



HISTORY



A-Level History equips you with versatile skills like critical thinking and analysis, beneficial in various professions. Many graduates find success in law, journalism, business, and education, proving that the skills acquired transcend traditional historical careers.

Key Course Information

Assessment

Linear Exams and Coursework

A level History is about the acquisition of vital learning skills: you need to be able to read and digest large amounts of information and to pick out what is and is not relevant to the question you are dealing with. History will teach you how to analyse, reflect and to argue clearly in class and in writing.

History is mainly examined through written exams at the end of the course. It is essential that you become confident in timed conditions. The majority of questions are concerned with why events occur. There will also be questions that ask you to analyse a source as a piece of evidence.

The coursework element is an extended research project that focuses on researching a range of historical viewpoints on a given era or topic.

Subject Combinations

Connected subjects

Studying history will allow you to read and analyse texts and evidence, and gain an in-depth understanding of the forces that have shaped our modern world. You could combine history with other subjects like English, languages, or economics, and focus on particular periods of history you're fascinated by

A-Level English Literature offers insights into the cultural contexts of historical events. You can deepen understanding of the economic and political landscapes that shape history through A-Level Economics and Politics. A-Level Classical Civilisation and Sociology work well with History round out this.

Progression

Where can History take me?

The ways in which History builds an ability to question, argue and counterargue make it a very good preparation for courses in history, law, politics, philosophy and business. It is also a good foundation for a range of careers, including teaching, librarianship, banking, the law, publishing, museums and art galleries and a wide variety of social work.

Given how well-respected History A Level is, it's a great option for university applications. In fact, universities not only appreciate but actively seek students with good grades in traditional A-level subjects like History.

For more information, contact the Humanities team.

