

## Subject: History

### Level: A Level

#### Entry Requirements

To study this course you will need to have achieved five GCSEs at Grade 4/5 or above, which need to include English. The subject is essay based so the ability to write coherently is very much needed. This is a very demanding course and you should not undertake it if you are not prepared to work hard.

#### Who is the course for?

History is a rewarding study: informative and interesting. The course is for those who like finding information for themselves, questioning historical sources, looking at both sides of an argument and forming their own conclusions.

#### How will I learn?

Topics are taught through a mixture of approaches. Students will use both primary and secondary sources and will become skilled at extracting information from both, assessing the reliability and value of them for their work. Pupils will also have the opportunity to work independently on projects, to engage in classroom discussions and to produce oral and visual presentations of their work.

#### Further Education & Career Pathways:

The course will help you to improve your critical thinking abilities, combining analysis, research, essay writing and communication skills to help you to solve problems and form arguments for debate. History is a great A-Level for progression into social science and humanities courses at university, such as History, English, Law and Economics. However it is by no means restricted to being useful for these courses alone. Indeed many leading universities also respect science students taking History as the analytical and writing skills gained from it are invaluable in any field.

#### Course Outline

Component	What it covers	Yr 13 Examination
<b>Component 1</b> British period study	The Early Stuarts: 1603-46	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes •</li><li>two questions (one compulsory) •</li><li>25% of A-level</li></ul>

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<b>Component 2</b> Non-British period study	Democracy and Dictatorships in Germany 1918-63	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• written exam: 1 hour 15 minutes</li><li>• two questions</li><li>• 15% of A-level</li></ul>
<b>Component 3</b> Thematic study	Tudor Rebellions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes</li><li>• three questions (one compulsory)</li><li>• 40% of A-level</li></ul>
<b>Component 4</b> (undertaken in Year 13) Historical Investigation	A personal study based on a topic of student's choice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3,000 – 3,500 words</li><li>• 20% of A-level</li><li>• marked by teachers</li><li>• moderated by OCR</li></ul>

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