

A LEVEL: HISTORY

(AWARDING BODY OCR)



CONTENT

History is the study of the past and how it has been represented and interpreted over time. It is not an accepted narrative of facts. The A level programme is assessed by three exam papers at the end of Year 13 and a Topic Based Essay:

Paper 1: one hour, 30 minutes (25% of A level). The Early Tudors: Henry VII, Henry VIII, Edward and Mary including the mid-Tudor crisis.

Paper 2: one hour (15% of A level). International Relations, 1890-1941. From the causes of the First World War to Pearl Harbour.

Paper 3: two hours, 30 minutes (40% of A level). Civil Rights in the USA, 1865-1992 focusing on the rights of African Americans, Native Americans, Trade Unions and organised labour and Women.

Topic Based Essay: (20% of A level). A 3000-4000 essay on any topic. You will have a free choice to research and write about what really interests you in history.

If you enjoyed studying history at GCSE then A level is a natural progression. The History Department is very well established in A level teaching and has been a popular option for many years. The course is engaging and rigorous, spanning the history a several different countries with a chronological range from 1485-1992.

PROGRESSION

Many of our students go on to university to study history before specialising in the following career areas:

- **Law** - the skills needed for a career in Law are the same as those of a good historian. People working in the legal profession need to be able to manage, process, synthesise and assess information, before reaching substantiated conclusions - all skills developed from studying history.
- **Secondary school teachers** - who have taken their love of history back to the classroom to inspire and engage new students of history.
- **Working in the media** - similar to a study of Law, history can take you to a wide range of media jobs including journalism.

For further careers information search here:

www.history.org.uk/student/resource/2914/careers-in-history

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Results in History are consistently good and our recent alumni include:

- Imogen Wright A 2018: University of Leicester
- Beth Wadley B 2018: Bath Spa University
- Oktawian Klosko B 2017: University of Plymouth
- Adam Millward A 2017: University of York
- Alice Parsons A 2017: University of Southampton
- Hattie Hancock B 2017: University of Plymouth

IS HISTORY FOR YOU?

History is a subject that engages and excites. A level historians wrestle with some of the major issues of the past in a geographically and chronologically diverse course. Studying history makes you more culturally aware, an independent thinker and a master of a range of transferable skills.