



History A Level (AQA)

Why study this subject?

History is recognised as a high-quality academic subject and is an A Level which top universities value particularly highly. This is because it requires students to demonstrate a commitment to their own learning through wider reading and to have an interest in both the past and the changing world around them. To achieve good grades, a History student must have excellent analytical, evaluative and communication skills. The focus on modern British and American history provides students with an insight into the political and social development of both of those countries, and is excellent at developing students' understanding of the society they live in today.

Entry Requirements

Please see the entry requirements page on the school website.

Content

Students will study two units, and complete one piece of coursework.

The units are:

- USA 1865-1975: The Making of a Superpower
- UK 1951-2007: The Making of Modern Britain
- Coursework: Student Choice

Assessment

The two examined units are assessed through one two-and-a-half-hour exam each. The questions are a mix of source question, interpretations questions and traditional essay questions. They require long written answers and a high level of literacy.

The coursework is a 4000–5000 word essay to be researched and written in students' own time, it is not a taught component.

Future courses and possible careers

History provides a good general qualification in a variety of useful career skills. In terms of going on to university, our students have gone on to study History, PPE, Law, Journalism and many other subjects at some of the top universities in the country. Many History graduates pursue careers in Law, Politics, Local and Central Government, Journalism and Advertising.