Why Study A Level History?

Course Introduction

A-level History explores the people, events and ideas that have shaped the modern world. You'll investigate significant historical developments, examine different interpretations of the past and learn to build convincing arguments using evidence. From political change and conflict to social movements and revolutions, you'll develop a deeper understanding of how the past has shaped the present.

Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs with a minimum Grade 6
Minimum Grade 6 in GCSE History,
Minimum Grade 5 in GCSE Maths & English

Course Content

Study three significant periods of history, exploring political change, social movements and challenges to power.

- In Search of the American Dream (1917–1996): Explore political developments, civil rights and social change in 20th century America.
- South Africa (1948–1994): Examine apartheid, resistance movements and the transition to democracy.
- Rebellion and Disorder under the Tudors (1485–1603): Investigate challenges to Tudor authority, religious conflict and social unrest.

Skills Developed

Develop your ability to analyse evidence, evaluate interpretations and construct well-supported arguments. Strengthen your research and critical thinking skills while learning to consider different perspectives and recognise patterns across different historical periods.

Career Opportunities

A-level History provides a strong foundation for university courses and careers in history, law, politics, journalism and education. The analytical, research and communication skills you develop are valued in business and management.

Course Assessment

Assessment combines three written examinations with an independent historical coursework investigation:

- Paper 1: Breadth Study - Analyse long-term change and historical viewpoints (2 hours 15 minutes, 30%).
- Paper 2: Depth Study - Explore key events and individuals (1 hour 30 minutes, 20%).
- Paper 3: Thematic Study - Examine change and continuity across a historical theme (2 hours 15 minutes, 30%).
- Coursework: Independent historical investigation (20%).