History

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Key topics covered

Component 1: Breadth Study [40% of qualification]

The Tudors: England 1485-1547

Component 2: Depth Study [40% of qualification]

Revolution and Dictatorship: Russia, 1917-53

Component 3: Non-Examined Assessment (NEA) [20% of qualification]

Coursework on the Crusades

Recommended Textbook and/or resources

The History department is very well resourced for all three A-Level units. You will be provided with key textbooks and revision guides. You will also have access to a wide-range of books and articles so you will not need to purchase any textbooks for History A-Level. You will also have student access to the Historical Association's website where you will find a wealth of topic guides, articles, podcasts and other resources for all units. You will also be provided with suggestions for 'super-curricular' activities. These include documentaries, articles, and recent scholarship.

Why Study the Subject/what students like about it:

At its most ambitious, history is the exploration of how past events shape the world around us today, revealing the connections between yesterday and the present. It examines how past events, social movements, and individual actions interweave to influence the present, offering insights into the complexities of our current social structures, values, and conflicts. As one student put it, "I chose History as it allows me to gain a deeper understanding of the past and develop an interpretation of current affairs and future events."

This rigorous course is also an excellent way for students to develop highly sought-after transferable skills. These critical and analytical skills include being able to effectively communicate complex ideas, the ability to research, analyse and evaluate information, both orally and in writing, and the capacity to make substantiated judgements, all whilst developing independent work and study skills.

Opportunities outside the classroom

In previous years, students have visited the Imperial War Museum (London), Westminster Abbey, Hampton Court Palace, Framlingham Castle, Framlingham Church, Orford Castle and Strangers' Hall. We also visit the UEA library.

We also arrange online workshops such as those provided by the National Archives and in recent years we have also organised Zoom calls with academics who are world-leaders in their field.

We participate in local 6th Form History Conferences and debate competitions with other local 6th forms and regularly send students to Poland on the Lessons from Auschwitz programme.

Future progression/career routes

History is one of the Russell Group universities' 'facilitating' subjects so choosing A-level History provides an excellent pathway to degrees such as History, Law, English and Philosophy, and beyond that to a range of interesting careers in Law, Politics, Business, Teaching, the Public Sector, Academia, Archaeology and Marketing.

