

A Level History

What is History?

History is the analysis and interpretation of the past that enables us to study continuity and change over time.

Why study History?

History is fascinating. We study a wide range of topics including the Tudors and Twentieth Century Germany which should appeal to students with an interest in political and social History. There is also an opportunity to undertake coursework on the Crusades. History is recognised by the Russell Group of universities as being a facilitating subject. This means that universities look very favourably upon History A-Level when considering applications to degree courses. Current A-level students have found the course both interesting and helpful in the development of their analytical and communication skills.

What makes a successful History student?

A successful History student has an enquiring mind and a strong work ethic. There is the need for extensive reading and research and an ability to express ideas clearly and analytically in written work. Students are encouraged to participate fully in seminars and debates in class.

To study this course, what qualifications will I need and in which subjects?

A grade 5 in GCSE History and a grade 5 in GCSE English

What is the structure of the course?

Year 12	Year 13
Component 1 – Breadth Study Term: Autumn, Spring, Summer Examination topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Tudors: England 1485-1547 	Component 1 – Breadth Study Term: Autumn, Spring, Summer Examination topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Tudors: England 1485-1603
Assessment - Internal examination	Assessment – External examination Percentage of A Level qualification = 40 %
Component 2 – Depth Study Term: Autumn, Spring, Summer Examination topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Democracy and Nazism: Germany, 1918-1933 	Component 2 – Depth Study Term: Autumn, Spring, Summer Examination topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Democracy and Nazism: Germany, 1918-1945
Assessment - Internal examination	Assessment – External examination Percentage of A Level qualification = 40%
Component 3 – Historical Investigation Term: Autumn, Spring, Summer Coursework/Personal Study on the Crusades 3500-4500 words	Component 3 – Historical Investigation Term: Autumn, Spring Coursework/Personal Study on the Crusades 3500-4500 words
	Assessment – moderated coursework Percentage of A Level qualification = 20%

What opportunities are there for me to study beyond the classroom?

The course is enhanced through involvement in the Historical Association Lecture programme in Norwich. Students are given the opportunity to use the UEA Library as part of their research for their coursework. In previous years, students have visited the Imperial War Museum (London), Hampton Court Palace, Framlingham Castle, Framlingham Church, Orford Castle and Strangers' Hall.

What kind of career does this subject/qualification prepare me for?

History provides the transferable skills needed for a broad spectrum of careers in areas such as Law, teaching, archive and museum work, media, commerce, the civil service and tourism to name but a few.