

## History [ A Level ]

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### INTRODUCTION:

"To remain ignorant of what happened before you were born is to remain always a child" Cicero, 106-43 BC.

If you enjoyed your GCSE History course then A Level History may be the subject for you. You should enjoy finding out information for yourself, asking questions of historical sources, looking at both sides of an argument and making your own arguments

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS / SUITABILITY:

Grade 6 or above in History and a Grade 6 or above in English. Students need good communication skills both verbally and through written essays. You'll need to be prepared to develop your skills at asking questions, sometimes awkward questions; you have learned not to take everything at face value. You have to develop empathy and understanding of the actions and achievements of others; you have to be prepared to put your case and argue it well; you have to use evidence to draw conclusions and make judgements.

### CONTENT:

There are four components to the `A` Level as follows:

**Unit 1:** British period study – England 1445 to 1509: Lancastrians, Yorkists and Henry VII

**Unit 2:** Non British study – The USA in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century: Westward Expansion and Civil War 1803 to c.1890

**Unit 3:** Thematic study and historical interpretations – Rebellion and Disorder under The Tudors 1485 to 1603

**Unit 4** – Coursework – developed from Unit 2

### LEADS TO:

History is excellent training for any career where you have to use evidence or make decisions, especially where those decisions affect other people. History students are not just limited to "becoming another history teacher" (unless they want to of course!) Nor are they destined to gather dust in a museum or library (again unless they want to!) There are so many careers out there that require the skills that a study of history can bring; *law, medicine, business, accountancy, tourism, town planning, politics, journalism, research* to name but a few!"

### ASSESSMENT:

**Unit 1** British period study  
External written exam (weighting: 25%)

Length of exam: 90mins

**Unit 2** Non British study  
External written exam (weighting: 15%)

Length of exam: 60mins

**Unit 3** Thematic study and historical interpretations  
External written exam (weighting: 40%)

Length of exam: 150mins

**Unit 4** Coursework  
Moderated & Submitted (weighting: 20%)