



HISTORY

QUALIFICATION: A Level

What do I need to know or be able to do before taking this course?

It is a requirement that you have gained a GCSE grade 6 or above in History. A grade 6 in GCSE English is also a recommendation as a result of the essay-based nature of the course.

What will I learn on this A Level course?

The course is broken down into three main sections:

- The Breadth Study – The Emergence of a Superpower: The USA 1865-1975. You will study the development of America from the end of the Civil War, through the First World War, the Great Depression and conflict in Vietnam. Throughout you will think about political, social and economic changes.
- The Depth Study – The Wars of the Roses 1450-1499. You will study the changing dynastic fortunes of one, large extended family who all claimed the throne of England. The course follows the battles, the successive kings and the impact of all of this on the people of England.
- Historical Investigation. You will study the fall of autocracy in Russia from approximately 1800 until the revolution of 1917. You will then choose a theme within this to form your own question to answer in 3500 to 4500 words, using a range of contemporary sources and historiography as well as your own research.

What kind of student is this course suitable for?

This course is suitable for students who might be:

- interested in history and interested in studying it at university,
- thinking of following a career in an area related to history - e.g. law, journalism, education, museums, archaeology, research,
- want a course that will complement other subjects such as English, Geography or Sociology, or one that demonstrates to potential future employers or universities that you write well and are a critical thinker.

What could I go on to do at the end of my course?

- You might go to university or college to study for higher qualifications in history. It is also a very useful qualification if you want to study other subjects at university, as it provides evidence of an ability to write well and be a critical thinker.
- History gives you access to a wide range of careers. For example, many solicitors and others in legal careers have a history background. History is a way into many aspects of the media, such as journalism, news reporting, TV research for a range of programmes from documentaries to period dramas. History would allow you to follow a career in jobs as diverse as being an archaeologist or a politician, a teacher or a managing director.