

History

A-Level

Exam Board: **AQA**



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

6+

in GCSE
English
Language or
Literature

6+

In GCSE History

SUBJECT OVERVIEW

“History gives us a fuller understanding of ourselves, and of our common humanity, so that we can better face the future” - Robert Penn Warren

History is a fascinating subject which gives us a greater understanding of the world in which we live. Studying history broadens the mind and gives you valuable skills. History is a firm foundation for many academic courses and career choices. History is widely respected by universities and employers as a discipline which promotes independent thinking, research skills and the ability to present a logical argument. History offers progression to a diverse range of careers including teaching, journalism, law, accountancy, diplomatic service, media, police, local government, banking and many more.



TOPICS/UNITS/MODULES

Skills Learnt

Component 1: The Tudors

- Essay writing and argumentation
- Communication skills
- Understanding of change and continuity

Component 2: The American Dream – Illusion or Reality

- Critical thinking and evaluation
- Comparative analysis

Component 3: Historical Investigation – Abolition of Slavery

- Independent research skills
- Critical evaluation of sources
- Project management and organisation

EXAMINATION/ASSESSMENT

80%

20%

- Historical investigation
3500-4500 words
- Two written
examinations (2.5 hours
each)

Careers

- Researcher
- Archivist or curator
- Lawyer
- Journalist or editor
- Policy analyst or advisor
- Diplomat or International Relations Specialist
- Civil Servant
- Genealogist
- Tourism Industry
- Publishing