

History

Level 3: AS / A2

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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:

5 GCSEs at Grades 5 - 8. 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 19th 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%)