

History

(OCR)

Course Leader: Mrs Dodds

What's it all about?

History at A level offers an extension of areas studied at GCSE.

- **Learning about people** - how they interact, the motives and emotions that can tear people apart into rival factions or help them to work together for a common cause (useful knowledge for team building at work!)
- **Learning about countries, societies and cultures** - so many of today's conflicts and alliances have their roots in the past; how can you negotiate with, trade successfully with, or report on a country if you know nothing of its history?
- **Learning to locate and sift facts** - to identify truth and recognise myth, propaganda and downright lies (useful in every aspect of life!)
- **Presenting what you've learned in a way that makes sense to others** - whether in graphs, essays or illustrated reports - and having the confidence to defend your findings.

What are the entry requirements?

The entry requirement will be a Grade 5 in History or English Language

What will I learn on this course?

There are four modules that you will study over the two year course. We study the **early Tudors 1485-1558, the Cold War in Europe 1941-1995, and Russia and its rulers 1855-1964** as well as completing **a piece of coursework of the candidate's own choice**. They are designed to test your historical skills including analysis, explanation and source interpretation.

How will I be assessed?

A piece of coursework worth 20% with the rest of the assessment by external examination.

What do your current students say?

"If you are interested in how people lived in the past and how it affects the present, then choose history. You get to study a lot of subjects in depth, which you might not have studied before." "The course is organised and structured, making revision for the exams easier than many other A levels." "History doesn't just teach the past; it teaches psychology, politics and geography, and how it reflects us today."

Is there anything else I need to know?

Choosing history can help you pursue a career in various different fields, any that may involve the need to prioritise and problem solve. Law and journalism are two key career pathways which love history; others include politics, police force, leisure and heritage industries, town planning, and architecture.

Who can I contact for further information?

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