



## History

Exam Board: AQA

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### Why study History?

You will develop your ability to evaluate and analyse information, to weigh up evidence and to communicate complex ideas effectively. Students will be able to understand why dictatorships occur and how dictators manage to control their people. The British units investigate the impact of conflict, politics and change during the 15th Century. In addition, you will undertake a personal historical study of 3,000-5,000 words in length. The written, research and analytical skills developed throughout the course can be applied to many professions from media work to public services and the world of business. History is highly valued by universities and can be usefully combined with a number of other subjects such as Maths, Physics, English and Psychology. It is an important foundation study for students who want to pursue Law or Politics at university.

### Course details

#### Year 1

Component 1	The Quest for Political Stability: Germany, 1871-1929
Component 2	The Wars of the Roses, 1437-1471

#### Year 2

Component 1	The Quest for Political Stability: Germany, 1929-1991
Component 2	The Wars of the Roses, 1471-1499
Component 3	Historical Investigation: 3,000-5,000 word personal study

### How is the course taught and assessed?

You will notice some differences and similarities with GCSE History. There is still a variety of learning styles. Sometimes the teacher will lead the lesson while on other occasions there will be far more independent learning. The teacher will set up a task and it will be your responsibility to organise the completion of it. The teacher will be on hand to guide and advise you, but it is your motivation and organisation that are crucial. You may be asked to carry out source investigations, internet research, presentations or debates. Visits and student conferences help extend learning beyond the classroom.

The course is assessed through one coursework unit and 2 exam-based units.

### Entry requirements

Standard College entrance requirements at GCSE and at least a 6 in English Language or Literature.

### Possible career progression

The skills that are developed through studying History at A Level are transferable to many career pathways and should be seen as transferable. Working in decision making, analytical and people-based areas use the skills that are taught. Research and careers that use and apply well-developed written skills also benefit from the study of History. Possible career areas are: the legal profession, journalism, police and armed forces, business, teaching, historical research/archaeology and more.