

# HISTORY

**Examination Board:** AQA **Qualification:** A level

**Teacher Contact:** Mr Allen

**Entry Requirements:**

Grade C or above at GCSE History. Students who have not taken GCSE History will also be considered but need to consult with Mr Allen.

**What will I study?**

Changes to the A Level specifications for 2015 mean that candidates study two units throughout the two years of the course: a **breadth study** and a **depth study**. Only the candidates wishing to drop the subject at the end of Year 12 will take the AS exam. For those continuing to A Level, there will be one exam at the end of Year 13 for each of these units.

- **Breadth Study**

**The Tudors: England 1485-1603 (AS Level: 1485-1547)**

A look at a crucial period in English history: the consolidation of the Tudor dynasty and its struggles with the Church, foreign powers and internal rebellions.



- **Depth Study**

**Russia: Revolution and Dictatorship, 1917-1953 (AS Level: 1917-1929) \***

We focus on the fascinating experiment that took place in Russia after the Revolution in 1917: the first attempt by a country to make Communism work, and the subsequent descent into bloody dictatorship under Stalin.

- **Historical Investigation (20% of A-Level)**

You choose the question and write an extended essay on a topic of your choice. This should take the form of a question in the context of approximately 100 years. This is a fantastic opportunity to develop your interest in a particular period of history and is great preparation for writing and researching essays at university level.

**Am I suited to this course?**

You would be well-suited to studying History at A level if you:

- enjoy learning about key events using a rich variety of learning resources and stimuli including film, literature, personal memoirs and original 16<sup>th</sup> century sources
- are interested in studying and comparing developments in both Britain and the wider world
- like finding out about individuals in the past, and how they changed people's lives
- enjoy expressing yourself with the written word, and reading around the subject

**What other subjects does it complement?**

English, Sociology, Law and Psychology combine particularly well with A level History. The skills required in Biology, Maths and Geography also support the study of History at AS level.

**Where can it lead?**

History A level is an extremely desirable qualification for both Higher Education and in a range of careers. It encourages independent study skills and you will learn the skills of evaluation, analysis and interpretation. These are invaluable to any employer. It can be used as a point of entry to study History or a related degree course at university.

**What has been said?**

*'Utterly amazing. You study two completely different contrasting periods that evoke every emotion. The teachers are one of a kind and a great variety of teaching methods ensure no two lessons are the same.'*

*'The teachers make the learning process an enjoyable and unique experience.'*

Year 12 students

