



History

Awarding Body	AQA	Specification Code	7042
Purpose of the course	<p>Studying A Level History develops your skills in problem solving, critical thinking, analysis and evaluation.</p> <p>The aims and objectives of the AQA History A Level are to enable students to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● develop their interest in and enthusiasm for history and an understanding of its intrinsic value and significance.● acquire an understanding of different identities within society and an appreciation of aspects such as social, cultural, religious and ethnic diversity, as appropriate.● build on their understanding of the past through experiencing a broad and balanced course of study.● improve as effective and independent learners, and as critical and reflective thinkers with curious and enquiring minds.● develop the ability to ask relevant and significant questions about the past and to research them.● acquire an understanding of the nature of historical study, for example that history is concerned with judgements based on available evidence and that historical judgements are provisional.● develop their use and understanding of historical terms, concepts and skills.● make links and draw comparisons within and/or across different periods and aspects of the past.● organise and communicate their historical knowledge and understanding in different ways, arguing a case and reaching substantiated judgements.		
Entry requirements	Grade 5 in History and English Language at GCSE.		
Type of qualification	A Level		
Course contents	Paper 1: 1C The Tudors: England, 1485–1603 Paper 2: 2N Revolution and dictatorship: Russia, 1917–1953 NEA/ Coursework: Progress of US Civil Rights Movement		
Assessment method	Paper 1: 40% 2hr 30min 2x Essays (choice) 1x Interpretation (compulsory) Paper 2: 40% 2hr 30min 2x Essays (choice) 1x Sources (compulsory) NEA: Coursework 4000 word essay on Progress of the US Civil Rights Movement		
Further studies	<p>Employers and universities like students who have studied History because they are skilled communicators, used to dealing with large amounts of information and evaluating evidence. For many top universities History is seen as a facilitating subject as it has a number of crucial transferable skills, particularly the ability to analyse and develop sustained arguments. The A level course has been designed to equip you with such skills. The last cohort of Year 13 History students went on to follow degree courses in a variety of fields including as well as History: English Literature, Law, Medical Sciences, Drama and Fine Art.</p> <p>'History is a phenomenal subject: it's basically the study of human behaviour. There's no greater skill to have in the world'. Dan Snow.</p>		
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