

History - A Level

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Course Outline:

Year 12

Nationalism, dictatorship and democracy in twentieth-century Europe

Paper 1: Germany and West Germany, 1918–89

Paper 2: Spain, 1930–78: republicanism, Francoism and the re-establishment of democracy

Year 13:

Paper 3: Lancastrians, Yorkists and Henry VII, 1399 - 1509

Unit 3: Independent enquiry on a topic of your choice (Coursework unit)

Skills/Aptitudes Developed/Required:

A Level History is a challenging course which builds upon the skills you have gained at GCSE. The course is recommended for those of you who have a fascination with the past which has shaped us and wish to understand the diverse issues of the world you live in. The present is only fully understandable through a study of the past. The focus is on detailed knowledge of events, interpretations of the past and analysis of contemporary sources. Good results will only come from reading a range of historians and texts.

To study History A Level you will need 5s in GCSE History and English. We will expect highly motivated students who have a proven record of good conduct in their GCSE classes. All must have demonstrated organisation and reliability in their GCSE studies.

Additional Considerations:

Year 12 History students have the opportunity to go on an optional trip to Berlin for 4 days. The cost will be approximately £290.



Progression Post-18

A Level History has much to offer and fits in with a wide range of other A Level courses (Sciences, Geography, English, Sociology, Technology), and is regarded by colleges, universities and employers as evidence of a student's ability to handle information, to think and to express her or himself clearly.

Many of our students go on to study either History itself, or Law, Politics, Philosophy, Psychology and Education (or combinations of these subjects) at colleges and universities.

History is particularly relevant for careers in journalism, law, broadcasting, government and administration in all its aspects. Any career that demands independent thinking and an ability to see all sides of the issue will benefit from A Level History skills.

