

# A-Level History

## Why History?

The course offers an opportunity to study a diverse and fascinating range of historical issues ranging from the Tudors to the Russian Revolution. A wide range of skills will be developed, which in a rapidly changing world are seen as valuable skills. Employers want people who are independent thinkers, good at problem solving and able to pick out the essential from the trivial.

## What can I expect?

You will assess the historical significance of the early Tudor period. You will understand the impact of the individual in shaping future events. You will explore the French Revolution and the rise and fall of Napoleon. The course also includes a thematic study of Russia and its Rulers 1855-1964 focusing on the last Tsars, the impact of WW1 and the rule of Lenin and Stalin. Finally, you will have the opportunity to conduct a personal investigation into an aspect of history which is an area of specific interest.

Lessons are both challenging and engaging. Independent study skills are developed in conjunction with opportunities to collaborate in exploring key areas of historical controversy. Enquiry questions are used to frame the lessons leading to plentiful opportunities to debate. Critical analysis of eminent Historians is also encouraged alongside the evaluation of contemporary sources. We also offer the opportunity to visit Paris as part of our study of the French Revolution and Napoleon.

The History teaching team has an excellent track record in supporting students in achieving impressive results leading to successful applications to study History at Oxford.

## What do I need?

In addition to the general entry requirement for the Sixth Form, the minimum requirement for the course is a GCSE grade 4.

## What about the future?

History is an essential qualification for a large range of careers. Many of our leading politicians and writers have History degrees. In addition, History opens up opportunities into journalism, business and law.

**'Historians are regarded as having had an education that trains their minds to assemble, organise and present facts and opinions and this is a very useful quality in many walks of life and careers...history is an excellent preparation for very many other jobs'**

*Which Subject Which Career? (Which consumer guides)*

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