

# History

## Why study History?

You should study History if you want to learn how and why the world and its peoples came to be as they are today. History trains your mind and teaches you how to think and process information. In the course you will develop your ability to analyse and explain problems of the past that will be an essential tool for problem-solving in the present and future. In addition, History provides you with the skills employers are looking for.

## Entry requirements

### History GCSE

Usually, grade B or above is required but a C grade may be accepted following consultation with the Head of Department and Head of Sixth Form. Students who did not take History at GCSE may be accepted in consultation with the Head of History and Head of Sixth Form, provided they have a minimum of GCSE grade C in English Language.

## Course details and assessment format

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#### Unit 1 - [20%]

Government, Rebellion and Society in Wales and England, c. 1485-1603:

Exam: 1 hour 30 minutes

#### Unit 2 - [20%]

Germany: Democracy to Dictatorship, c.1918 - 1933: Weimar and its Challenges:

Exam: 1 hour and 45 minutes

### A Level

#### Unit 3 - [20%]

The American Century 1890-1990:

Exam: 1 hour 45 minutes

#### Unit 4 - [20%]

Germany: Democracy to Dictatorship, c.1933-1945: Nazi Germany

Exam: 1 hour 45 minutes

#### Unit 5 - [20%] Coursework: Historical Interpretation

This course is an Internal Assessment. It is an historical investigation arising from the in-depth study of a particular topic, which the students can choose themselves.

Students must work independently to produce an extended piece of writing of around 3,000 - 4,000 words based on the study of different sources.

## Skills which are developed and possible progression

Good historians make good lawyers, politicians, managers, journalists, archaeologists, costume designers, economic development officers, architects, museum designers, teachers and much more.

The course encourages candidates to develop their capacity for critical thinking, develop their Key Skills and their ability to work with others, solve problems, debate issues and understand the process and nature of historical study. History is not an exact science. It is shades of 'grey' rather than black and white. You will be required to analyse, evaluate and interpret events and the evidence available and to reach your own judgment.



"Taking history has been an excellent decision for me. The tasks are intellectually challenging and the course topics are absolutely fascinating! Especially the section on Nazi Germany and American foreign policy. If there is one topic you are not interested in, just bare with because there is something everyone will be interested in! The teaching staff are also kind, supportive and understanding. Taking history has given me the essential skills required for going on to study in university."

Dylan Gash

