

## Why study A Level History?

“Any fool can make history, but it takes a genius to write it” - Oscar Wilde.

Apart from the transferable skills that history gives us, it is important to study history because: history is a fascinating subject; history isn't just about the past. It plays a vital role in helping us understand the present and particularly the current crises: who we are, where we have come from, the people we meet, the world and societies in which we live, the way people behave, and where we are going; history contributes to understanding between different cultures and people.

## What will I study?

The A Level history course is split into four parts: Tudors 1547-1603; Germany 1919-63; Civil Rights 1865-1992; and Nazi Germany coursework.

In Year 12, you will study, in depth, units on Democracy in Germany and Mid Tudor Crises. You will investigate the rise and fall of German democracy, Nazism and the division of post war Germany. Your studies will also encourage contemporary reflections and comparisons. In Year 13, you will study the complex and fascinating history of Civil Rights in the USA; investigating a wide range of social, radical and political history. You will explore the powerful and unique movements of African Americans, Trade Unions, Native Americans and women.

## Assessment

80% examined, 20% coursework.

**Paper 1:** Mid Tudor Crises & Elizabethan England 1547-1558.

**Paper 2:** Democracy & Dictatorship in Germany 1919-1963.

**Paper 3:** Civil rights in the USA 1865-1992  
Coursework unit 3000-4000-word essay.

## Study trips, visits and events

In Year 12 and 13 there is the opportunity to take part in a residential trip abroad to Berlin where you can investigate German history through the world renowned historical sites and museums.

## Subject entry requirements

Grade 6 in history if taken, or 6 in English Literature.



## Student Perspective

“I really enjoy A Level history as I've been able to challenge and stretch myself whilst being interested and invested in the content. From learning about the Berlin Wall to the progress of Women's rights in the Gilded Age, the subject matter is always wide-ranging and interesting. I am particularly enjoying writing the coursework module, which has given me the opportunity to read and pick apart other historians' interpretations - this allows me to do more extensive analysis than would normally be possible. History builds off the work you've done at GCSE whilst still offering a more significant challenge - the smaller class sizes also give you the opportunity to go into deeper discussion and debate with your peers, and there is always a friendly atmosphere - I would really recommend A Level history as it's a great subject to get interested and involved in.”

Chloe, A Level History student