KEY STAGE 5 CURRICULUM INFORMATION

HISTORY

Qualification Level	A Level
Exam Board/ Specification	AQA
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Why study this course?

History enables us to understand the human journey and the consequences of our actions. It develops the analytical skills of students and enables them to evaluate the significance of the past and form sound judgements.

Course content

The course is divided into three clear sections.

Firstly, the Tudors: England 1485-1603. This will include some of the following topics:

- How effectively did the Tudors restore and develop the powers of the monarchy?
- How did relations with foreign powers change and how was the succession secured?
- How far did intellectual and religious ideas change and develop and with what effects?

Secondly, Democracy and Nazism: Germany 1918- 1945. This will include the newly developed democratic form of government that gave way to a dictatorial Nazi regime. It also encourages reflection on how governments work and the problems of democratic states as well as consideration of what creates and sustains a dictatorship.

The final part is the Historical Investigation which comprises a 4,500 word study into a 100 year period. This will be on the causes of the Russian Revolution and the collapse of Tsarism 1825-1917

Exam/ Assessment structure

2 exams, one for each main content unit sat at the end of Year 13.

Both exams last 2 hours and 30 minutes each.

4,500 word Non-Examined Assessment – independent enquiry

Higher education/ career links

With your analytical, writing, debate and detective skills, you'll be primed for a huge range of careers and related degree courses including law (where it is a preferred subject), politics, public sector, business, marketing, journalism, economics, teaching, academia, insurance, social research, archaeology and curation (museums, galleries, archives and libraries).

Specific equipment or resources required

It is recommended that students have their own copies of the text books for each side of the course and an NEA guide to assist with the Historical investigation

Entry requirements

Students are required to hold at least a Grade 5 at GCSE History. However students with a grade 5 in English will also be considered who did not study history at GCSE.



