

History

Qualifications

Exam board: Edexcel History - 8H10/9H10

End of Year 13 – A2 Level (two year course only)

Entry Requirements

A minimum of 5 passes at grade 5 or grade C (including English and Maths). A minimum of a grade 6 in History is recommended. A grade 5 will be considered with a strong performance in the exam.

Skills Required

We expect students of History to have an enthusiasm for learning about the past and the commitment and determination to achieve their potential. They should have the self-motivation to be prepared to work independently and take responsibility for their own learning. Students are expected to read widely to broaden their understanding.

Successful History students are able to assimilate large amounts of information in order to present a coherent and logical argument. Students will also be required to analyse and evaluate evidence from the time period that they are studying, as well as varying interpretations of historical events. For these reasons, students benefit from having well developed literacy skills.

Course Outline

The Post 16 course has been designed to further develop students' enthusiasm for History by offering a broad and balanced course of study that will build on existing understanding and appreciation of the intrinsic value of History.

The AS course has a medieval theme: Paper 1 focuses on the first four crusades of the Middle Ages, exploring the world of medieval knights and the clash of Christianity and Islam between the 11th and 13th centuries. Paper 2 examines England and Normandy between 1053 and 1106. Encompassing the Norman Conquest, this course explores a dramatic period of change for England that would shape the course of history for generations.

At A2 students study the British experience of warfare from 1790-1918, focusing on different aspects of overseas conflicts including the British and French Wars, the Crimean War, the Second Boer War and World War One. The coursework element asks students to explore the historical controversy of the extent to which Germany was responsible for the outbreak of WWI.

Student Testimony

"I enjoyed learning about the courses we studied as they were very interesting."

"I enjoyed it when teachers gave us essay technique; I really feel this will help in my future education."

"The way the subjects are taught make History easy and fun to learn."

"Learning the topics with a very positive vibe throughout the class."

Career Paths & Degree Courses

History provides essential skills for students wishing to further their academic studies and for students seeking employment in competitive careers. History students have an understanding of human motivation and the way societies develop. History students learn how to argue a case from evidence, even if it is a viewpoint that they do not agree with at first. In addition, History teaches how to scrutinise sources of information in a way that is intelligent and sceptical. For these reasons, historians are valued especially in the following professions: journalism; politics; business; teaching; law; civil service. History links to most academic subjects, but especially to English, law, psychology, sociology, geography and media and is respected by the establishment as a rigorous academic subject.

Year 12	Year 13
Paper 1 - The Crusades, c1095-1204 Written exam: 2 hour 15 minutes 60% of AS 30% of A level (examined at the end of year 13)	Paper 3 - The British Experience of Warfare, c1790-1918 Written exam: 2 hours 15 minutes 30% of A level
Paper 2 - Anglo-Saxon England and the Anglo-Norman Kingdom, c1053-1106 Written exam: 1hour 30 minutes 40% of AS 20% of A level (examined at the end of year 13)	Coursework Historical controversy concerning the extent of Germany's responsibility for the outbreak of WWI 20% of A level