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A Level History is an exciting and highly relevant subject, which enables you to deepen your understanding of the world today. You will study major political revolutions, the clash of ideas, developments in the structure of society and the way the economy has influenced historical events, both in Britain and across the globe.

History is a subject that is driven by enquiry, and so will help you to develop as a highly critical, analytical thinker. It allows you to engage with the most up-to-date historical scholarship, exploring the debates between current historians. You will learn how to construct lines of argument and communicate these in fluent and coherent historical essays.

Course Outline

Year 12

Britain, 1625-1701

- Political revolutions
- Religious conflict
- New ideas and social structure
- Imperial expansion

Russia in Revolution, 1894-1924

- The end of the Tsars
- The October Revolution
- Defending the Bolshevik revolution

Year 13

Coursework comparing tsarist and revolutionary Russia

The development of the British Empire

- The role of trade and the Royal Navy
- American Independence
- Ruling Australia and Canada
- The British in India
- Intervention in Egypt

A-Level history is studied as a linear course, with internal exams at the end of Year 12.



Career Progression

History graduates are among the most employable, due to the variety of skills acquired in the subject, such as analytical thinking and writing. History provides an excellent foundation for moving on to a wide range of careers. Students who specialise in history can go on to become historical researchers and consultants, or work in heritage organisations. History is also highly regarded in many other career paths, such as law, journalism, politics, social work and public services.

Complementary Subjects

History shares common topics with Geography, English, Economics and Politics but combines successfully with nearly every other A Level subject.

Entry requirements

Students must have at least a grade 6 in either GCSE History or English.

What our Students say:

“A-Level History is really fascinating – everything from revolutions in 17th Century England and 20th Century Russia helps me understand the world today”

Fatima – Class of 2018