

History

A-Level

Overview

History is a very exciting subject and a popular one. It generates an enthusiastic and enduring interest in the subject and promotes the key objectives of developing your ability to think for yourself and to arrive at logical and reasoned judgements which you will be able to articulate clearly. Many staff in the department are examiners for OCR and have a lot of experience. In preparation for your examinations, you will study specific periods and topics with the emphasis on increasingly independent work and thorough engagement in class will be encouraged.

Why Study?

Visits and extra-curricular activities are an integral part of each syllabus taught and outings are arranged whenever possible. History outings to local sites and the theatre are organised where appropriate as well as to Sixth Form Conferences.

The department also arranges regular lectures for the Historical Association for the students and members of the local community who are interested in historical issues and events.

Course Overview

The OCR course is followed which gives a breadth and depth of study. Pupils will study both the 15th- 20th Centuries. Students will study both Britain 1930-1997 along with the European study of Spain from 1469 – 1556. Pupils will also examine the rise of German nationalism, and subsequent unification in the 19th century. A private study essay is also completed as coursework which allows the students a chance to study something of personal interest.





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Progression

It is usual for there to be at least one Oxbridge candidate who studies History every year and a large proportion of pupils exceed the standard expected of them in public exams. The Historical Association has written a pamphlet on History as a preparation for a Career which can be downloaded by clicking on this link and students go on to study degree courses including history, management, media studies, international affairs, law and social sciences.

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