



History A-Level

Awarding Body: AQA

Entry Requirements

It is expected that students will achieve at least an A grade in GCSE History in order to take this subject in the Sixth Form.

- Students need to have good reading and writing skills.
- Students need to be well motivated and able to research and read around the subject outside of class time.

At A level students are taught a balance of modern and early modern/medieval History. This provides an interesting contrast and a good grounding for those wishing to study the subject further at university.

A Level History 2041 (new specification first taught from September 2015)

A Level students must study a period of more than 200 years.

- Component 1: Breadth Study

1C The Tudors: England, 1485–1603

The study of significant historical developments over a period of around 100 years and associated interpretations

- written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes
- three questions (one compulsory)
- 80 marks
- 40% of A-level

Section A – one compulsory question linked to historical interpretations (30 marks)

Section B – two from three essays (2 x 25 marks)

- Component 2: Depth Study

2R The Cold War, c1945–1991

The study in depth of a period of major historical change or development and associated primary evidence

- written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes
- three questions (one compulsory)
- 80 marks
- 40% of A-level

Section A – one compulsory question linked to primary sources or sources contemporary to the period (30 marks)

Section B – two from three essays (2 x 25 marks)

- **Component 3: Historical Investigation (non-exam assessment)**

A personal study based on a topic of the student's choice. This should take the form of a question in the context of approximately 100 years. It must not duplicate the content of options chosen for Components 1 and 2.

- 3000-3500 words
- 40 marks
- 20% of A-level
- marked by teachers
- moderated by AQA