

# History

**Qualification:** A-Level History  
**Additional Entry Information:** GCSE English Language grade C  
GCSE History grade C desirable but not essential  
Students who have not taken GCSE History should have a B in English Language.  
If the course is oversubscribed priority will be given to those who have a grade C in GCSE History

Speak to **Mr P Sweet** for more information.

## **What do students need to know or be able to do before taking the course?**

The course assumes no prior knowledge although you should take a keen interest in the subject.

## **What will students learn on this course (skills and course content)?**

The course teaches students to express themselves clearly both orally and in writing. Examples of this include: the ability to argue a case and make logical statements, to evaluate and interpret a variety of different arguments and points of view and to assess the reliability of a wide range of historical sources.

## **What sort of student is this course suitable for?**

The course is suitable for students with an enquiring mind and an interest in History.

## **What kind of work will students need to be able to do outside of lessons?**

Successful students will be reading widely on the topic and watching documentaries related to the course. This is in addition to regular essays and other assignments.

## **What is the course content and how is this assessed?**

- AS Unit 1 - Politics and Government 1780-1880
- AS Unit 2 - Weimar Germany 1918-1933
- A2 Unit 3 - The American Century 1890-1990
- A2 Unit 4 – Nazi Germany 1933-1945
- A2 Unit 5 – (Controlled Assessment) World War I Generals

Units 1-4 are assessed by means of an external examination. Unit 5 is assessed by means of an essay of between 3,000-4,000 words

## **What could students go on to do at the end of this course?**

The course is suitable preparation for any History degree. History graduates are found in all walks of life. As well as the traditional career paths of teaching, archivist or museum work a degree in History lends itself well to a career in such areas as the media, journalism, the Civil Service and all areas of management. History at A level is excellent preparation for both a law degree and a career in the legal profession. Anyone considering a career in this area should give very serious consideration to opting for the History at A level as the skills taught in both Year 12 and Year 13 are extremely beneficial to those opting to study law at university