

# COURSE OUTLINE

## HISTORY - A LEVEL



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The A Level course comprises of four units: British, German and American history as well as an independent study. The study of Germany's transition from democracy to dictatorship includes an opportunity to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau in Poland. Students will also learn of the struggle of different groups to gain their freedom and equal rights within American society. Students will also hone their source skills examining the later Tudor monarchs: Edward, Mary and Elizabeth.

### DETAILS ABOUT THE COURSE

#### Topics covered:

British history  
German history  
Thematic study - civil rights in America  
Personal Investigation 3000-4000 word essay

#### Extra-curricular/trips:

Residential trip to Auschwitz.

#### Future prospects:

Apart from being interesting, history can be extremely useful. Employers recognise the variety of skills that its study can encourage such as the ability to analyse information and the ability to construct an argument effectively. It relates to a number of career paths such as law, teaching, politics, curating, and other higher education courses.

#### You might also take...

English literature, philosophy and ethics, geography, drama and theatre studies & psychology.

### KEY INFORMATION

#### Prior attainment:

Five grades at 9-4  
Grade 5 in GCSE history required  
Grade 6 in GCSE history desirable

#### Assessment:

##### Year 1

Unit 1: British history 1547-1603  
Unit 2: German history 1919-1963

##### Year 2

Unit 3: Thematic study - Civil rights in America  
Unit 4a: Personal investigation (3000-4000 word essay)

**Source analysis, teamwork, independence and communication are all essential.**