

COURSE OUTLINE

HISTORY - A LEVEL



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The A level history comprises four units: Paper 1: the later Tudors, Paper 2: Germany democracy and dictatorships 1919-1963, Paper 3: civil rights in America 1865-1992 as well as an independent study. In Year 12 students will hone their source skills examining the challenges facing the later Tudor monarchs: Edward, Mary and Elizabeth. In contrast to this they will consider Germany's transition through democracy to dictatorship and the external events which influenced the course of this period of history. In Year 13, students will have the opportunity to select an independent study topic of their choice to research and investigate. Alongside this students will also learn of the struggle of four key groups to gain freedom and equal rights in America from the end of the American Civil War to the early 1990s.

DETAILS ABOUT THE COURSE

Topics covered:

English history: 1547-1603
German history: 1919-1963
Civil rights in the USA: 1865-1992
Topic based essay

Co-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: England 1547-1603: the later Tudors (25%)

Unit 2: Democracy & dictatorships in Germany 1919-1963 (15%)

Year 2

Unit 3: Civil Rights in the USA 1865-1992 (40%)

Unit 4: Topic based essay (20%)

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