

History

COURSE CODE

AS Level AQA 7041

A Level AQA 7042

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 6 or above in History and 6 in English Language, due to the demands of reading academic texts and 17th-century source material. However, we will consider applicants who have not studied History at GCSE if they can demonstrate a dedication to the subject, and have a 6 or above in English Language at GCSE.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

There are three components:

- 1L: The quest for political stability: Germany, 1871–1991. From the Kaiser to modern Germany, via Weimar, the Nazis and the Cold War period, this is a fascinating course that will give huge insight into ideas and ideologies, the role of key individuals and some of the most interesting events of the 20th century.
- 2E: The English Revolution, 1625–1660. This depth study will be surprisingly relevant to contemporary life as it ranges through questions of democracy, religious toleration and freedom of speech while uncovering one of the most fascinating eras of British history.
- A Non-Examined Assessment (individual historical investigation) on a topic of personal interest with a 100-year span which does not overlap the content of the taught units.

ASSESSMENT

AS Level

- Papers 1L and 2E are examined separately, in exams lasting 1.5 hours each. Each paper is worth 40% of the overall A Level mark.

A Level

- Papers 1L and 2E are examined separately, in exams lasting 2.5 hours each. Each paper is worth 40% of the overall A Level mark. The NEA is worth 20% of the overall A Level mark.

NEXT STEPS

History A Level is a rigorous qualification which prepares students well for the demands of a university degree because it trains students in their ability to conduct independent research, select and deploy data and write concise and effective essays. It is valuable for students who wish to study directly related degrees but also shows breadth when applying for courses such as medicine and law.

CAREER INFORMATION

In practice, only a few students enter careers in which they apply their specialist historical knowledge directly (e.g. research degrees, teaching, museum or archive work, and librarianship). The majority apply their skills to careers not directly related to History, but in which they have much to contribute. These include journalism and the arts, computing, finance, banking, accountancy, the legal profession, commercial and industrial management, the civil and public services, retailing, leisure services, health and social services, charities, voluntary organisations, the police, the probation service, the armed forces, the security services.

EXTRA COSTS

The department has textbooks for use in school but it is advisable for students to buy their own copies of the core textbooks (two books, approx. £23 each, less for digital versions). We offer a range of enrichment activities over the two years. These are not compulsory and may include a day of lectures by professional historians in direct support of the A Level course. (Approx. £40 including travel by coach) and a trip to Berlin, by air, staying in a hostel, with a packed itinerary of sites of true historical interest. (Approx. £450).

