

# history

## A Level History Exam Board: AQA

### Course content

During this course you will develop a wide range of skills including: interpretation, evaluation and judgement, debating, analysis and causation. You will study three key areas of History:

### Component 1: The Tudor Period in England (1485-1603)

This option allows students to focus on The Consolidation of the Tudor Dynasty during Henry VII and Henry VIII's reigns. During the second year of study you will focus on England through Turmoil and Triumph, 1547-1603, and will evaluate the mid-Tudor crisis and The Triumph of Elizabeth I.

### Component 2: The Cold War (1945-1991)

This option allows students to study the conflicting ideologies at the heart of the Cold War. It looks at the origins of the Cold War and its impact on international relations. Crises and conflict in Europe, Asia and the wider world are examined. During the first year of study, you will consider the events of the Cold War 1945-1963 and the second year will cover 1963-1991.

### Component 3: Historical Investigation

This option allows students to complete a personal study of their choice, focusing on an aspect of the British Empire 1857-1967, specifically the impact on India and Africa. This should take the form of a question in the context of approximately 100 years.

### Assessment:

You will be assessed with one exam for each unit and each exam will be worth 40% of your total grade and be 2 hours. You will also complete independent coursework, which will begin at the end of year 12 and will continue throughout year 13. The coursework is worth 20% of your total grade.

### Progression

Through the study of History you will learn to understand a wide range of information and viewpoints, analyse their utility, validity and provenance, then come to your own supported conclusions. History is a well respected A Level which will equip you with knowledge and skills which are prized in adult life enhancing employability and developing an ability to take part in a democratic society. Many of our students go on to study History at university, and many continue with social sciences or the arts. Careers in Law, Journalism, Business and The Civil Service are a small selection of the opportunities open to those who have studied History.

### Entry Requirements:

Grade 6 at GCSE History. It is not essential to have studied History at GCSE but an interest in the subject, willingness and ability to work independently and be self motivated is a must.