



History

AQA: course code 7042

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Course Outline:

Unit 1: The Tudors 1485-1603

This option allows students to study in breadth issues of change, continuity, cause and consequence in this period.

- Consolidation of the Tudor Dynasty: England 1485-1547
- Henry VII 1485-1509
- Henry VIII 1509-1547
- England: turmoil and triumph 1547-1603
- Instability and consolidation: 'the mid Tudor crisis' 1547-1563
- The Triumph of Elizabeth 1563-1603

Unit 2: The Cold War c.1945-1990

This option provides the opportunity to study a period of major change in depth, focusing on key ideas, events and developments

- The Allies, 1945–1948
- Changing ideology, 1948–1990
- Proxy Wars 1950–1976
- The Global Cold War 1949–1990
- The edge of the Abyss, 1963–1985
- Glasnost and Perestroika, 1986–1990

Unit 3: Personal Study

Pupils will write 3000-3500 words on an independent topic area.

Assessment Framework:

Pupils will sit two exams at the end of Year 13:

Unit 1:

- 2 hours 30 minutes written exam
- three questions (one compulsory)
- 80 marks
- 40% of A-level

Unit 2:

- 2 hours 30 minutes written exam
- three questions (one compulsory)
- 80 marks
- 40% of A-level

Unit 3:

- 3000-3500 words
- 40 marks
- 20% of A-level

Course Entry Requirements:

History grade 6

If not studied before: English, Sociology or equivalent full course
Humanity 6

Why Study A-Level History?

The study of History develops transferable skills such as: the ability to create and defend strong arguments, to read critically and to communicate effectively. The subject valued highly by both employers and universities and supports career choices in, for example, research, law, politics, diplomacy, administration and journalism as well as general business or management.

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