

# History A Level

## Who is the course for?

The world in which we live today has been shaped by the world that is now behind us. A study of history at Post 16 will not only teach you about some significant turning points, such as the English Reformation or the expansion of democracy, universal rights and the welfare state, the rise of the Nazi Party in Germany, but also the skills of enquiry and analysis.

## What does the course involve?

### Component 1: Breadth Study

- Challenge and transformation: Britain, c1851–1964 (some centres)
- The Tudors England 1485- 1603 (some centres)

### Component 2: Depth Study

- Democracy and Nazism. Germany 1918-1945 (all centres)

### Component 3: Historical Investigation

- A personal study based on your own research (all centres)

## Assessment Methods

### Component 1 - two sections

- Section A – one compulsory question linked to historical interpretations (30 marks)
- Section B – two from three essays (2 x 25 marks)

### Component 2 - two sections

- Section A – one compulsory question linked to primary sources or sources contemporary to the period (30 marks)
- Section B – two from three essays (2 x 25 marks)

### Component 3 - Historical Investigation

A personal Study based on own research)

- 3500–4500 words
- 40 marks
- 20% of A-level
- marked by teachers
- moderated by AQA

## Progression Options

A qualification in history is very transferable due to the skills and ability needed in order to achieve a passing grade. History is a sought after qualification for higher education institutions. It is desirable for progression on to degree courses in History, Politics, Law, International Relations, American Studies, European Studies, Economics and Philosophy. Though it is also compatible with many others such as Business, Media Studies and Drama.

Previous students of the History department have gone on to pursue careers in Law, academic research, political research, the Civil Service, the Diplomatic Service and teaching.

## Awarding Body

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