

HISTORY – A Level



Overview

Studying history will help you understand the significance of historical events, the role of individuals in history and the nature of change over time. History allows students to gain a deeper understanding of the past through political, social, economic and cultural perspectives. You will examine a **breadth study** and a **depth study** in addition to completing an **historical enquiry**.

Year 12

The British Empire Part one: the High Water Mark of the British Empire, c1857–1914

- The development of Imperialism, c1857– c1890
- Imperial consolidation and Liberal rule, c1890–1914

The Birth of the USA - Part one: the origins of the American Revolution, 1760–1776

- Britain and the American Colonies, 1760–1763
- Enforcing the Colonial Relationship, 1763–1774
- Ending the Colonial Relationship, 1774–1776

Year 13

The British Empire - Part two: Imperial retreat, 1914–1967
Imperialism challenged, 1914–1947

- The winds of change, 1947–1967

The Birth of the USA - Part two: establishing the Nation, 1776–1801

- The War of Independence, 1776– 1783
- Founding the Republic, 1776– 1789
- Washington and Adams, 1789–1801

Assessment method

At the end of Year 12 you will sit end of year exams, these will not count towards your final results.

There are two final written examinations at A level, together with a 3,000-5,000 word historical investigation that accounts for 20% of your mark.

Additional information

In addition to homework you will be expected to carry out a minimum of 5 hours independent study per fortnight in each subject studied during which time you are expected to carry out reading, note taking, project work, essay writing and other tasks related to the subject content.

Recommended texts: Oxford 'AQA History for A Level: The British Empire c1857-1967' by Webster and Carr (ISBN: 9780198354635) and Hodder Education's 'Access to History: The American Revolution and the Birth of the USA 1740-1801' Second Edition by Farmer (ISBN: 9781471838767).

You will need to have an internet enabled device such as a tablet, laptop or notebook.

Trips are organised to History conferences relating to the Breadth and Depth studies by university academics in the field of study. These are optional and usually take place in London around Easter time. Estimated cost is £35 per conference including travel. There is also a biennial trip to Berlin alongside the Politics department, focusing on German and European history

Entry requirements

Five GCSE Grade 6 to 9 including English and Maths. Students require a GCSE Grade 6 in History.

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Exam board

