

## History

**Examination Board:** OCR

**Entry Requirements:** Grade 6 in English or Grade B in GCSE History/Religious Studies  
You do not need to have studied GCSE History

### Why study History?

**Learning about people**, how they interact, the motives and emotions that can tear people apart into rival factions or help them to work together for a common cause.

**Learning about countries, societies and cultures.** So many of today's conflicts and alliances have their roots in the past; how can you negotiate with, trade successfully with, or report on a country if you know nothing of its history?

**Learning to locate and sift facts**, to identify truth and recognize myth, propaganda and downright lies (useful in every aspect of life!)

**Presenting what you've learned in a way that makes sense to others.** Whether in graphs, essays or illustrated reports—and having the confidence defend your findings.

### Course Content

Unit 1: England 1485-1558 The Early Tudors Enquiry Topic: Mid Tudor Crises 1547-1558

Unit 2: Democracy and Dictatorships in Germany 1919-1963

Unit 3: Russia and its Rulers 1855-1964

Unit 4: Topic based essay

### Assessment

Unit 1: Exam of 1 hour 30 mins 25% of total A level

Unit 2: Exam of 1 hour 30 mins 15% of total A level

Unit 3: Exam of 2 hours 30 mins total of 40% of A level

Unit 4: Non exam assessment. Submission of 3000-4000 word essay

### Further Course Information

The Tudors John Guy

Hitler and Stalin Parallel Lives Alan Bullock

### Future Uses

- History plus a keen interest in politics or a desire to make the world a better place could lead you into local or national politics, charity work, the Foreign & Commonwealth Office or the Civil Service
- History plus Media Studies could lead into print or broadcast journalism
- History plus Drama and/or craft skills could develop into a career in restoration work or set design.
- History plus administration skills could lead you to a business career and then with your interest in history into working for a heritage charity or managing a historic property.
- Your interest in History could also lead you into a career in Law.