

# History (AQA)

## ABOUT THE COURSE

The new A Level History allows students to broaden their historical knowledge by allowing students to study the history of more than one country, to study a minimum of 20% British history and to study topics from a chronological range of at least 200 years.

## THE A LEVEL CONSISTS OF 3 SEPARATE UNITS;

### Unit 1: Breadth study

#### The Age of the Crusades, c1071-1149

**(2 hour 30 min exam, 40% of final mark)**

This component is the study of a period of over 100 years, looking at change and continuity over this time.

### Unit 2: Depth study

#### The Making of Modern Britain, 1951-2007

**(2 hour 30 min exam, 40% of final mark)**

This component allows students to student a shorter period of history and the impact that events in this time had. Units may include:

### Unit 3: Historical Investigation

**(3000 - 3500 words, 20% of final mark)**

This unit allows students to complete their own investigation into a period of history. It can be British or non-British and should be linked to one of the units that they have studied.

## AT A GLANCE: AS LEVEL HISTORY

The new AS Level allows students to cover a breadth and depth study (same as the A Level units 1 and 2) but over a shorter period. Students will sit two 1 hour 30 minute exams at the end of Year 12. The AS Level topics do feed into the A Level but students taking the A Level will not take the AS exam at the end of year 12.

Do you?

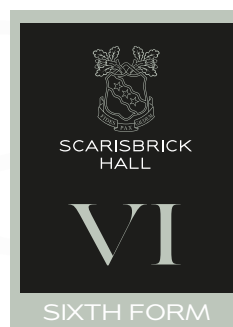
**Like to argue about different interpretations of the past?**

**Enjoy studying diverse and unique periods of time?**

**Enjoy challenging ideas?**

**Want to investigate how past events have shaped the world today?**

**If so, choose A Level History!**



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## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A Level History is a challenging and in depth qualification and students will be expected to do individual research on top of the work that is covered in lesson. Students will be expected to analyse and evaluate different types of historical sources and reach conclusions relating to their validity and utility.

Students will be expected to read journals and take an interest in current events to enrich their study of history. Students should have achieved a B grade or higher at GCSE to be successful in this A Level.

## WHERE CAN A LEVEL HISTORY TAKE ME?

- Taking History A Level would help to open the doors to the most prestigious universities due to the challenging nature of the course. History offers students the chance to write essays which highlights to employers and universities the ability to form judgements and evidence them with supporting knowledge.
- Many students who have taken A Level History have gone into professions such as; law, management, politics, teaching and conservation.
- The study of History goes well with other A Level subjects such as English (Literature and Language), Politics, Maths and the Sciences and allows students to broaden their options when it comes to choosing subjects at University.

## FURTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Within the Humanities and Languages Faculty, study visits will be organised including trips to important historical sites such as Auschwitz, as well as domestic trips to museums such as the Imperial War Museum North. Students will be able to use these visits to assist them in all areas of the A Level course, as well as developing their broad historical interest.

“History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again.”

Maya Angelou

