

History

Examination Board: AQA

Why study History?

To study A-level History you need an interest in the world around you, an enquiring mind and the ability to weigh up different evidence and arguments.

You should like learning about people, how they interact and what motivates them. History is a very well respected academic subject because it teaches many skills that are vital in academic study and for employment in general. The history student acquires the ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing, to be critical of the evidence put before them, to analyse it in order to identify facts and motives, and to present information clearly for others to understand. You must enjoy thinking for yourself and developing your own views. History is useful if you wish to study subjects such as Law, Politics, Journalism, Economics or English Literature. It develops skills relevant to many types of employment, either directly related to history or in areas such as journalism, libraries, national and local government and the civil service.

Entry Requirements

Pupils are advised to have at least a grade B in History at GCSE. The subject involves a lot of reading and writing and students must therefore have a high level of competence in English language.

Subject Specification

This A-level course will be made up of 3 components.

Component 1: Breadth Study – The Tudors: England 1485-1606. The study of significant historical developments over a period of around 100 years and associated interpretations (written exam: 2 hrs 30 mins; three questions [one compulsory]; 80 marks; 40% of A-level)

Component 2: Depth Study – Democracy and Nazism: Germany 1918-1945. The study in depth of a period of major historical change or development and associated primary evidence (written exam: 2 hrs 30 mins; three questions [one compulsory]; 80 marks; 40% of A-level)

Component 3: Historical Investigation (Personal Study): A personal study based on a topic of student's choice. This should take the form of a question in the context of approximately 100 years. It must not duplicate the content of options chosen for Components 1 and 2. (3000-3500 words; 40 marks; 20% of A-level; marked by teachers and moderated by AQA)

Further Information

Students or parents requiring further details are most welcome to contact Mrs S. Munford, Head of History (scm@oswestryschool.org.uk).

