

Course title: History A Level OCR

Academic year:	2026
Course Venue:	King Edward VI High School
Course Type:	A level
Duration:	2 years

Course Description: Historians are trained to look for bias and prejudice in all the evidence they study. They know that human beings often have strong views on many subjects, which may affect the statements they make. There is no other subject that deals so well with sorting out what is useful and reliable evidence and what must be sifted out than History. Imagine believing everything you read in the papers, or believing every statement that politicians make!

History helps you to make decisions about other people and to decide if you trust what they say.

If you enjoy history, it can lead you to a great future. Look at Dermott Murnaghan, journalist, or David Sainsbury, Chairman of Sainsbury's. You can also count the likes of Melvin Bragg, Anita Roddick, founder of the Body Shop, Monty Python's Michael Palin, Louis Theroux, Jonathan Ross, Al Murray and Cold Play's Chris Martin among other history graduates!

Course Content:

Unit 1 – 25% - Y105 England 1445–1509: Lancastrians, Yorkists and Henry VII

Unit 2 – 15% - Y214 France 1814 - 1870

Unit 3 – 40% - Y316 Britain & Ireland 1791 - 1921

Unit 4 – 20% - Y100 Topic based study (Course work)

Entry requirements: The standard entry criteria to study in the sixth form are 9-4 in at least seven different subjects, including English and mathematics, which would usually be at grade 4 or above.

To study other subjects already taken at GCSE you must achieve at least a grade 5 or above in that subject.

Assessment:

3 examinations at the end of Y13

1 4000 word essay due at the end of Y13

Financial Information:

All texts provided. £10 deposit required for text book.

There is usually an extended visit organized either to London, Paris or Berlin this usually costs no more than £450.

**Future opportunities:**

Accountancy; Administration; Archaeology; Archives; Business Management; Civil Service; Conservation; Heritage; Journalism; Local Government; Police; Politics; Teaching...

History is a very popular A-Level choice, with over 70,000 students taking it across the country. As well as being highly respected by all universities for a variety of courses the qualification itself can prove extremely interesting, hence explaining its popularity.

History is a great A-Level for progression into social science and humanities courses at university, such as History, English, Law and Economics. However it is by no means restricted to being useful for these courses alone. Indeed many leading universities also respect science students taking History as the analytical and writing skills gained from it are invaluable in any field. Its depth, variety and challenging nature means that the skills you learn from History A-Level will remain with you no matter what you choose to study at a higher level.

Further information:

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