



AS / A2 History (Level 3)

WHY TAKE THIS COURSE?

Students choose to study History because it involves a fascinating journey into exploring past societies, individuals, ideas and values. You will have a choice between two different options for History, allowing you to study the aspects of History which excite and intrigue you most.

History is regarded by employers as an excellent subject for developing analytical skills and the capacity for debate. The subject is highly respected by admissions tutors at Universities, as it equips you with so many transferable skills.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

There are two History options for you to choose from.

Option A: Persecution

You will begin your AS year by studying the relationship between Elizabeth I, James I, Charles I and Parliament. In January you will study 2 new topics – the threat of witchcraft in Europe and the Glorious Revolution involving Charles II and James II.

In your A2 year you will complete 2 pieces of coursework focusing upon the Tudors and Stuarts and then an examined unit on the impact of Mussolini and Hitler on Britain in the 1930s and 1940s.

Option B: Conflict

Studying 3 wars: Crimean, Boer and First World War followed by the Civil Rights Movement in the mid-twentieth century and US Presidents 1968-2001. Two pieces of coursework in the A2 year focused upon the expansion of America and then an examined unit on the impact of Mussolini and Hitler on Britain in the 1930s and 1940s.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

A source-based examination in January and a further essay-based exam in the summer of your first year which are both worth 50% of your AS grade. Two pieces of coursework in the A2 year (each worth 20% of your A2 grade) and a 2 hour exam paper in June which will be worth 60% of your A2 grade.

WHAT SKILLS AND SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS DO I NEED?

There are no additional qualifications that you need for this subject. However you will need good written and communication skills and be determined to undertake wider reading and research.

WHAT CAN I DO NEXT?

Students who have studied History at A-level have progressed to a wide range of University courses and careers. Possible careers include jobs in Teaching, the Civil Service, Law, Police, Museum work, Architecture, Journalism and many more.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

There are lots of opportunities to get involved in additional activities including the History Society magazine - History Today which is written and edited by students. Over the past two years History students have also visited London, Washington and New York and Rome and Sorrento.