

HISTORY



Exam Results

2024	67% A*-C, 100% pass rate
2023	81% A*-C
2022	26% A* - A

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Exam Board OCR

Assessment

Written examinations 80%

Coursework 20%

Extra curricular opportunities

Academic historian lectures in Bristol

The British Library, London

Holocaust Education Trust's - "Lessons from Auschwitz"

National Maritime Museum, London

The Churchill War Rooms, London

What will you study?

A Level History is a study of four fascinating periods in history, loosely themed around the topic of empire. For the examined units, Year 12 study Britain 1930-97, including a case study on Churchill and Britain 1930-1951, and African Kingdoms c1400-c1800. Students will move on to study the Origins and Growth of the British Empire in Year 13, which includes studies of the British in America, the Caribbean and India. The fourth area of study forms the coursework, or Non Examined Assessment, portion of the A-level and can be selected by students themselves. They can choose to develop an aspect of content that we are studying for the examined units or select a topic that allows them to study a period or theme in history that is of personal interest to them, supported by their teachers. This is something we believe is unique to V6 in the city and enables students to develop independent study skills that will help them at university, whilst providing access to topics that might not be available as part of the examined curriculum.

Future pathways

Whilst History is particularly a facilitating subject for law, journalism, politics and the civil service, it is also helpful for a career in diverse areas such as finance, business, the heritage sector. The subject also provides excellent training in skills such as independent research, critical thinking, formulating an argument and drawing conclusions from evidence.

"Studying A Level History will give you unparalleled training in carrying out research, building an argument, interpreting what you read and critical analysis. While the context for developing these skills is some fascinating history, they are all transferable to your day-to-day life."

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