

History A-level

Exam board: AQA

Where do I start?

You must meet the minimum entry requirements of Wootton Park VI. For this subject you must have obtained a **Grade 6 at GCSE History** and we recommend that you have at least achieved a **Grade 6 in GCSE English**.

History – about the subject:

At Wootton Park School History is an enquiry-based subject, in which learners are challenged to understand the meaning of past events for us today. Learners work with a diverse range of sources and interpretations. They will learn to analyse and to question source materials in a critical way. History is a most engaging and challenging subject with great academic reward!

History is the exploration of the past, including all forms of human existence and endeavours. Historians consider how people lived and why they chose to structure their individual lives and societies in the ways they did. This includes politics, society, religion, finance, language, culture, health and many other areas.

However, historians do not just reconstruct the past. They thoughtfully piece together stories and biographies of individuals to create a tapestry of identity for us today. Without knowledge of the past, it is challenging for us to understand our individual lives, our societies and the groups within society, which we are a part of.

What type of learner chooses History?

This course is beneficial to every learner! You may be a keen historian already, but this course also benefits those learners wishing to expand her/his ability at analysis, essay writing, research, communication and problem solving. It therefore provides a multitude of transferable skills.



WPS VI

'Ipsum quod faciendum est diutius'

What aspects of the subject will I be studying?

1. Breadth Study: 1C The Tudors: England, 1485–1603
Assessment: written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes, three questions (one compulsory), 80 marks
2. Depth Study: 2O Democracy and Nazism: Germany, 1918–1945
Assessment: written exam: written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes, three questions (one compulsory), 80 marks
3. Historical Investigation: 3500–4500 words, 40 marks, 20% of A-level, marked by teachers, moderated by AQA

Through the topics studied in Components 1, 2 and 3 (Historical investigation), A-level learners must cover a chronological range of at least 200 years. The Historical Investigation is a personal study based on a topic of the candidate'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.

How will I be assessed?

You will have termly essays and factual tests. You will complete past paper questions to test your skills against examination criteria. You will also complete mock examinations to prepare you for your final examination.

What are the career/higher education prospects?

Popular career paths include Public sector, Law, Education/ Teaching, Academia, Politics, Economics. History A level is strong academic choice, which will be a solid foundation for a variety of degree courses. These include History, Religious Studies, Archaeology, Languages, Classics, Economics, Law and Politics.