

History A level



Hertswood

Why take this subject?

Not only does History give you the opportunity to study the great and significant events from the past, it also provides you with a number of invaluable skills. By studying A-level History it improves your literacy, research and communication skills, all of which are vital in the workplace or in further education.

What do I need to have studied in year 11?

- You must have at least 5 GCSEs at grades 9-5 including English and Maths
- At least a Grade 6 in GCSE History,
- Students who have not taken History will be considered depending on their English or other Humanities/Social Sciences result

What will we study?

We will be following the History A OCR specification. This specification offers a broad and varied course, allowing students to learn about countries and individuals who have shaped the world we live in today.

Students will study topics covering both World and British History, covering a hectic and fascinating period of change across a 200 year time span.

The Britain unit focuses on evaluating the views and leadership of Winston Churchill, and examining the impact of political governments of post-war Britain. Whilst studying the American Revolution, students will assess the reasons for the War of Independence as well as its impact, and students will examine themes and changes through history in the Civil Rights unit. In addition, students will also undertake an individual study, writing an extended essay on a topic of their choice in Year 13.

How will I be examined?

Unit	Assessment	Weighting
Britain 1930-1997	Examination	25%
The American Revolution 1740-1796	Examination	15%
Civil Rights in the USA 1865-1992	Examination	40%
Topic based essay (coursework)	Essay	20%

What can this subject lead to?

The course will develop students' skills in investigation, analysis and communication giving them a good understanding of economic, social and political change. Our aim is to prepare you for a wide range of university courses from Law through to History, Politics, International Relations, English, Economics and Business.

Students will receive a firm grounding for many University courses and professional careers and by the end of the course you should be well equipped to understand and make judgements on the world around you.

Subject Specification link:

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/history-a-h105-h505-from-2015/specification-at-a-glance/>