

History A Level



Exam Board: AQA

Why A Level History?

History is an exciting and academic discipline that nurtures curiosity, hones our thinking and promotes the development of important skills. Studying A level History provides an environment to communicate and wrestle with historical controversy. While exploring the nature and complexity of history as something beyond that of 'the past', we are able to understand and appreciate the world in which we live, where we have come from, and where we may go.

Thinking and Life Skills you will develop:

- Identifying themes, patterns and trends across time periods, between events and within societies
- Evaluating the reasons for, and outcomes of events, decisions and changes within a historical context
- Formulating questions, arguments, and opinions, supported by thorough historical investigation, and engaging in historical debate with confidence
- Exploring perspectives surrounding historical people, events and engaging critically with historical sources.

What will you study?

Alderbrook School Sixth Form Students explore a range of perspectives such as social, religious, political and cultural in both the Tudor and Cold War period. Students have the opportunity to investigate independent lines of enquiry, explore the process of change over time and assess the significance of particular individuals and events in the past as part of an extended piece of coursework.

University degrees that require or often prefer History include:

History, joint honours degrees with other related subjects e.g. Archaeology, Politics, Classics, English Literature, Economics, Media, Journalism, Travel and Tourism, Law, Psychology and Sociology.

Possible careers:

Directly related: Political and historical researcher, archivist, academic researcher, lecturer, teacher, archaeologist, curatorship and heritage work.

Further afield: Lawyer, journalist, media researcher/publicist, criminal investigator, business management/ analyst and writer.

Entry requirements:

Minimum grade 6 in GCSE History or, if not studied before, a grade 6 in GCSE English Language.



'Nescire autem quid antequam natus sis acciderit, id est semper esse puerum. (To be ignorant of what occurred before you were born is to remain always a child).'

Marcus Tullius Cicero