

The A Level History Course

The Alderbrook School History course consists of a wide range of social, political and military history. Students will gain both a strong knowledge of British history as well as a greater appreciation of past events in other cultures. We also aspire to equip students with the ability to unlock the past through developing skills in extended writing, reaching a sustained judgement and source skills. Topics studied include; The Tudors: England 1485-1603, The Cold War c1945-1991 and a Historical Enquiry.

Year 12

The Tudors- Part One: Consolidation of the Tudor Dynasty, England 1485-1547

The Cold War- Part One: To the brink of Nuclear War, International Relations c.1945-1962



The Tudors:

- **Henry VII's** - consolidation of power- how he removed threats, inside and outside his realm.
- **Henry VIII** - We investigate his character, aims and image. His relations with foreign powers. His links with the church.

The Cold War:

- What caused the Cold War to emerge?
- Events such as: Soviet Expansion into Eastern Europe, The Berlin Blockade, The Nuclear Arms Race, Formation of NATO and Warsaw Pact, The Korean War the impact of the Berlin Wall and the Cuban Missile Crisis



Year 13

The Tudors- Part Two: England, 1547-1603: Turmoil and Triumph

The Cold War- Part Two: From Détente to the end of the Cold War c.1962-1991

The Tudors:

- **Edward VI** - religious changes and the impact this had on society.
- **Bloody Mary** - her persecution of Protestants.
- **Queen Elizabeth** - The type of Queen she was, the image she tried to portray, her relationships with foreign powers and the problem she faced with Mary Queen of Scots.



The Cold War; key questions include:

- Why did Détente emerge and what were the key events?
- Why did a 'Second Cold War' emerge?
- How and why did the Cold War end?