

## History

### Entry requirements

Students wishing to study History at AS and A2 level should have achieved **a grade A\*, A or B** at GCSE level. They should also display an interest and enthusiasm for the subject. Pupils who have not completed GCSE History have been admitted to the subject at Advanced level in the past; however this will depend on GCSE grades in English and English Literature and all entry to advanced level studies will be at the discretion of the Head of Department.

### AS and A2 structure

Students will study two Modules or Assessment Units in Year 13 and two more in Year 14. The content will be based on developments in 20th century Europe at AS Level and at A2 the focus will be 19th and early 20th century Ireland. Many of the topics and all of the skills – particularly in AS 1 will be familiar from GCSE studies – this usually makes the transition from GCSE to A level less daunting for students. **There is no coursework component.**

| Module   | Time               | Weighting              |
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| <b>AS Module 1</b><br>Germany 1919 - 45                  | 1 hour 30 minutes  | 50% of AS<br>20% of A2 |
| <b>AS Module 2</b><br>Russia 1914 - 1941                 | 1 hour 30 minutes  | 50% of AS<br>20% of A2 |
| <b>A2 Module 1</b><br>Ireland under the Union            | 1 hour             | 20% of A2              |
| <b>A2 Module 2</b><br>Partition of Ireland<br>1900- 1925 | 2 hours 30 minutes | 40% of A2              |

**The Examinations**

Modular exams in both AS and A2 Level will be held in summer term. The AS Modules will be examined in May of Year 13 and A2 Modules in June of Year 14. Guidance and advice will be provided to those pupils who need to re-sit any of the examinations. Re-sits will only be available in the summer term.

**Teaching and Learning**

The modules we study at AS level cover some of the most important major European events of the twentieth century, such as the establishment of the Nazi dictatorship in Germany and the Communist Revolution of 1917 in Russia. At A2 level, students have the opportunity to examine events in Ireland including the development of the Unionist and Nationalist traditions and the events which led to the partition of the island.

Pupils will be taught by one teacher for the duration of their Advanced Level studies and will be provided with the most up-to-date, detailed resources and exam guidance. They will also receive additional information from visiting historians who give annual lectures for AS and A, and they will have the opportunity to visit Dublin on a residential History trip in the spring term of Year 14.

**Skills In History**

A Level History is a challenging, enjoyable subject which enables students to develop many of the important skills they will use at university level and in their chosen careers. A level historians will develop their skills in analysis and evaluation of source material and through their A level activities they will increase their ability to communicate and argue a point effectively. Students of History also gain valuable experience in working independently to make notes and sort and classify information. They are also given the chance to debate, discuss and present their findings and opinions to their classmates and teacher.

**ALL OF THESE SKILLS ARE ATTRACTIVE TO EMPLOYERS.**

**Any Questions?**

For further information or guidance on opting for A Level History, please feel free to approach any member of the History department. We will be happy to discuss the course with you or let you see the resources you will use. Alternatively visit [ccea.org.uk/history](http://ccea.org.uk/history) for full course details and additional careers guidance related to the study of History.