



## What will I learn?

An interest in and enthusiasm for history and an understanding of its intrinsic value and significance. The specification encourages you to:

- acquire, and effectively communicate, knowledge and understanding of selected periods of history
- develop an understanding of historical terms and concepts
- explore the significance of events, individuals issues and societies in history
- understand the nature of historical evidence and the methods used by historians in analysis and evaluation
- develop an understanding of how the past has been interpreted and represented
- develop an understanding of the nature of historical study that history is concerned with judgements based on available evidence and that historical judgements may be provisional.

## What are the recommended entry requirements?

If History has been studied at GCSE then a grade 7 is preferable.

## How will I be assessed?

### Unit 1 - The Tudors 1485-1603

There is one paper of 2 hours and 30 minutes in length making up 40% of the total A-Level mark. The written paper consists of two sections made up of three questions, one of which is compulsory. The compulsory question in section A will be linked to historical interpretations and will be worth 30 marks. The section B part of the paper will have a choice of four essays of which the candidate will choose two to complete.

### Unit 2 – France in Revolution 1774-1815

There is one paper of 2 hours and 30 minutes in length making up 40% of the total A-Level mark. The written paper consists of two sections made up of three questions, one of which is compulsory. The compulsory question in section A will be linked to primary sources and will be worth 30 marks. The section B part of the paper will have a choice of three essays of which the candidate will choose two to complete.

### Component Three: The Historical Investigation

A personal study based on the topic of the student's choice from a list of 10 questions, in the form of a 3000-3500 word essay. This component will make up 20% of the total A-Level mark. The personal study will be marked by the department and moderated by AQA.

## Future Opportunities

- Apart from being interesting, fun and thrilling, History is incredibly useful. Through the study of history, skills are developed that can be applied to many careers including teaching, finance, the law, journalism and human resources.
- The opportunity to see interpretations of historical events at the RSC such as Wolf Hall and Bring up the Bodies will also be taken.
- If you wish to apply for Oxbridge you will have application sessions during the Autumn term.
- Year 12 students are also able to visit Westminster Abbey and have a tour around the abbey itself as well as visit and partake in workshops at Hampton Court.

