

# History

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## Specific entry requirements

GCSE Grade 5 or above in History and English Language.

## Course content

You will study 17th century British History, focusing on the Civil War and the progression towards a constitutional monarchy during the reigns of Charles I, Charles II, James II and William and Mary. During this module you will be given the opportunity to assess and evaluate historical interpretations of this period. You will also study in-depth the history of Russia from 1894 to 1924, focusing on the end of the Tsarist regime, the Russian revolutions of 1917 and the beginning of the world's first communist country. In Year 13 you will study the history of Germany from 1871-1990, specifically looking at how the country was divided through wars and then reunited in 1990 following the fall of Communist East Germany. In addition, you will develop your analytical, evaluative and research skills through the coursework you will undertake, which focuses on the historical controversies of Germany's responsibility for the outbreak of war in 1914 or to what extent the Holocaust was planned.

## Assessment

Assessment is 80% examination and 20% coursework.

## Progression opportunities

A Level History is a highly valued subject at university and beyond. The development of your skills as a historian may enable progression into careers as diverse as law, journalism, media, marketing, management and teaching. More specialist careers might include museum curator, archaeologist, archivist or researcher.

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