



Woolwich Polytechnic
Sixth Form

History A Level

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

George Santayana

"This is a great age for geography. Very big questions - climate, poverty, disease, migration, water, energy, biodiversity - all demand geographical analysis, as do specific national issues in the UK, like housing, social deprivation, flooding and regional development... geography has never been so important."

How will I learn?

A Level Historians can be expected to learn the subject in a variety of ways. Students will build on skills and concepts learned in KS3 and KS4 adding depth, nuance and a greater understanding of historiography. Students will learn the subject through in class lessons but will also be expected to undertake a great deal of wider reading in the subject, much of which is guided by the subject teachers. Top achievers will apply their reading throughout the course.

How will I be assessed?

Students will be regularly assessed during lessons and in assessments. There are 2 exams at the end of year 12 – each 1 hours 30 minutes and 2 exams at the end of year 13 – each 2 hours and 30 minutes. Students also complete a coursework essay of between 3000-4000 words. Students are regularly assessed on both their knowledge and on their ability to respond to the various question formats in the exams.

Entry Requirements

GCSE History Grade 6

Which awarding body is the course validated by and what will I get?

AQA (7041, 7042).

What can I do with this qualification? (ie. University courses and potential career paths)

A-level is a good stepping stone to history and history-related degrees. It is also a 'facilitating' subject – regarded by Russell Group university as a good supporting subject to those required for any degree. It will furnish students with the skills required for careers such as: law, politics, the Civil Service, teaching and management consultancy.

Course Content

Unit 1 – Consolidation of the Tudor Dynasty, England, 1485-1547

- Henry VII
- Henry VIII

Unit 2 – Prosperity, inequality and Superpower status, 1945-1963

- Truman
- Eisenhower
- Kennedy

Unit 3 – England: Turmoil and Triumph, 1547-1603

- The Mid-Tudor Crisis
- The Triumph of Elizabeth

Unit 4 – Challenges to the American Dream, 1963-1980

- Johnson
- Nixon
- After Nixon

