

History A Level

OCR H505

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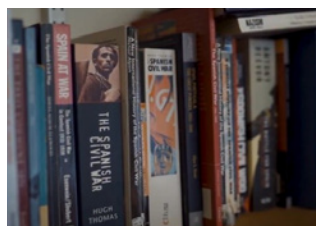
Why King's?

Facilities

- Five dedicated, well-resourced classrooms
- Exceptional History library
- Knowledgeable, skilled and friendly teachers

Highlights

- 100% pass at A Level
- Expert visiting speakers and university-style seminars and presentations
- Recent A Level trips to London, Paris and Washington DC



Academic Performance

83% A*-B
92% A*-C

2023 Results

The History Department is a successful, positive and forward-thinking team that constantly seeks to provide students with engaging, thought provoking and challenging lessons. Within the department there are six committed teachers; all bring something special to the department. Our core aim is to make history accessible and enjoyable to all students. The main department classrooms are based in Number 12 which used to be home to an archdeacon and comes with a resident ghost as well as a genuine historical atmosphere.

Why study A level History

History has long been valued: By universities and employers recognise it for the training and skills it provided. Independence of thought, the ability to appreciate the importance of the past and the capacity to produce and sustain an argument based on the interpretation of evidence are all qualities developed best by A Level History. Such skills are widely regarded as providing an excellent grounding for many careers especially in law, finance, journalism, business and management.

History is relevant to your life: In order to make sense of current affairs it is important to study the past, as everything which is happening around us has been influenced by, and is a direct result of, that which preceded it. In this way, the study of History is explicitly relevant to us.

History allows us to learn from the past: If you are to look at human history there are particular patterns which tend to repeat themselves. It is then the job of the historian to identify where we have been going wrong, comment on it, and attempt to avoid it in the future.

What will you study?

In Lower Sixth...

Britain 1930-1997

This unit covers a range of political developments in 20th Century History. You will cover some 'great' political figures including Churchill, Attlee and Thatcher.

The French Revolution and the rule of Napoleon

The tumultuous events of the French Revolution and the dramatic consequences that followed, including the extraordinary rise of Napoleon Bonaparte.

In the Upper Sixth...

Russia 1855-1964

This synoptic, thematic topic will study the development of Russian Society from the autocratic monarchy of the Tsars to the extremities of Soviet Communism.

Topic Based essay

This is an extended piece of historical writing. Students chose their title and independently construct an extended essay. This is excellent preparation for University life.