

# A LEVEL HISTORY



## A Level History Specifications are:

- Assessed by a combination of examination & coursework (20%).
- Linear, with assessment at the end of the second year.
- The courses must cover at least 200 years of History.
- Students must study breadth and depth units.
- Students must study British and non-British topics.

## Our Approach to Teaching and Learning in History

At WSFC we offer **two History Courses**:

(1) Early Modern History (AQA): This covers the period 1469-1715. Students study Unit 1; Spain in the Age of Discovery 1469-1598; Unit 2; The English Revolution 1625-1660; and Unit 3; Coursework on France 1610-1715

Or

(2) Modern History (Edexcel): This covers Unit 1; Germany & West Germany, 1918-1989; Unit 2; The rise and fall of Fascism in Italy c.1911-46; Unit 3; The British Experience of Warfare c.1790 - 1918; and Unit 4; Coursework on the Holocaust.

Students opt for either Early Modern **or** Modern History.

Building on our reputation for excellent results:

- We place a strong emphasis on allowing students to carry out activities through independent learning and using high quality teaching and learning, not just to develop their analytical and evaluative skills but to provide them with a full range of learning experiences.
- We choose topics that allow learners to gain an insight into a range of the most interesting historical events, issues and ideas.
- We have a flexible teaching approach but understand the need to complete homework, respect deadlines and set high standards.
- We use a wide range of high-quality learning materials.

- Student outcomes in A Level History at WSFC have been consistently good or excellent for many years.
- Students will be taught by passionate and innovative subject specialists in History who are either current or former examiners.

## A Level Assessment

On the Early Modern option (AQA) Students will be assessed by two written examinations and a piece of coursework.

### **Component 1: Spain in the Age of Discovery 1469-1598**

Written examination (40% of the qualification)

### **Component 2: The English Revolution 1625-1660**

Written examination (40% of the qualification)

### **Component 3: Coursework on France 1610-1715 (20% of the qualification)**

On the Modern option (Edexcel) Students will be assessed by three written examinations and a piece of coursework.

### **Component 1: Germany & West Germany, 1918-89**

Written examination  
(30% of the qualification)

### **Component 2: The rise and fall of Fascism in Italy c.1911 - 46**

Written examination  
(20% of the qualification)

### **Component 3: The British Experience of Warfare c.1790 - 1918**

Written examination  
(30% of the qualification)

### **Component 4: Coursework on Historical Interpretations: the origins of the Holocaust (20% of the qualification)**

## Subject Combinations

History can be studied in combination with a wide variety of other subjects. It fits well with Politics, Geography, Sociology, Classics, Law, Religious Studies, Criminology, Business Studies and Economics.





## Entry and Skill Requirements

**What are the entry requirements for A-level History?**

- Level 4 in GCSE English Language.
- Level 4 in GCSE History if studied.

**What if I don't have a 4 in GCSE English but am really interested in History?**

Come and see us at Course Confirmation.

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