

HOLLAND PARK SCHOOL SIXTH FORM | HISTORY

Examination Board
AQA
Topics/ Texts Studied
Year 12: The Tudors (Henry VII and Henry VIII). Weimar Germany. Year 13: The Tudors (Edward VI, Mary I and Elizabeth I) and Nazi Germany. There is a 2 hour 30 minute exam for each unit (Tudors and Germany) at the end of Year 13 encompassing the content of both Year 12 and 13.
Coursework and Practical Elements
One 4500 word essay worth 40 marks and 20% of the A Level. It is completed on a project of your choice although your teacher will select a topic area that spans 100 years, for example African American Civil Rights, 1860-1970. You will then select an area of interest and complete coursework on a question of your choosing.
Recommended Pre-reading
Geoffery Elton 'England under the Tudors', John Guy 'Tudor England', Julia Boyd 'Travellers in the Third Reich'
Where will this course take me?
History is a highly valuable and well regarded A Level. Universities and employers recognise the difficulty of the subject as well as the analysis, deduction, evaluation and literacy skills that go into achieving highly in it. A career in law, finance, consultancy, academia are all very plausible.
Why should you study this course?

A Level history interrogates the question of where we come from and, thus, who we are, whilst along the way captivating students with gripping narratives of social and political turmoil set against shrewd and decisive decision-making and everything inbetween. As well as grasping these historical details in depth, the subject equips students with the skills to debate at the highest and most incisive level. One's ability to argue and analyse will be honed as well as skills in selecting key information in order to support a stance. A Level history asks questions about the past, but also asks us to critique others' views and so, on some level, seeks to ascertain an essential truth to the world and its events, however amorphous that idea may be.

What are the entry requirements?

In addition to the general entry requirements, you will need a grade 7 or above in GCSE History to study this course.