

# HISTORY



ROYAL  
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## HISTORY IN THE SIXTH FORM

History at RHS is a dynamic and thriving subject, and affords excellent opportunities for independent study and stretch and challenge.

The department has four classrooms and a resource room on the lower floor of the main school block. Three of the classrooms were recently refurbished.

The History Department also runs enrichment activities, such as masterclasses and a 'Heretic's Society' which is used to run competitive essay competitions on a range of topics. Trips are organised when appropriate.

## HISTORY TEACHES YOU TO THINK MORE CRITICALLY!

Learning about people - how they interact, the motives and emotions that can tear people apart into rival factions or help them to work together for a common cause (useful knowledge for team-building at work!).

Learning about countries, societies and cultures - so many of today's conflicts and alliances have their roots in the past; how can you negotiate with, trade successfully with, or report on a country if you know nothing of its history?

Learning to locate and sift facts - to identify truth and recognise myth, propaganda and downright lies (useful in every aspect of life!).

Presenting what you've learned in a way that makes sense to others - whether in graphs, essays or illustrated reports - and having the confidence to defend your findings.



## WHAT WILL YOU STUDY?

History is a linear subject, this means it will be a two year course with three units examined at the end. Pupils will have time to adjust to the demands of A Level, and be able to take advantage of using all of the Summer Term in Year 12 to develop their knowledge and understanding, away from the pressure of AS examinations.

The A Level course focuses on British and European History.

## SO WHY SHOULD YOU STUDY HISTORY?

Well it is very enjoyable for a start! History provides you with true academic stimulation. History encompasses politics, economics, religion, culture and sociology - there will always be something for you to be grabbed and inspired by. History teaches you the sorts of intellectual skills that are in high demand in competitive industries and occupations beyond school - skills such as critical thinking, debate, analysis, evaluation, balance, knowledge. University admissions tutors and employers know that if you have studied history then you will be strong at comprehension and communication, both verbal and written.

## WHAT YOU STUDY IN TERMS OF CONTENT?

### Paper 1

Russia 1917 - 1991

### Paper 2

East Germany 1945 - 1991

### Paper 3

Rebellion and Disorder in Tudor England

### Paper 4 (coursework)

The work of the historian:  
interpretations of General Haig  
or the causes of the English Civil War.

**IF MEN COULD  
LEARN FROM  
HISTORY, WHAT  
LESSONS IT  
MIGHT TEACH US!**  
- Samuel Taylor Coleridge, 1831



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**"Those who don't study history are doomed to repeat it.  
Yet those who *do* study history are doomed to stand by  
helplessly while everyone else repeats it."**

If you would like to discuss the A Level specification and the options that the History Department offer, please do not hesitate to contact  
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