

# HISTORY

## Examination Board: AQA

### Why study History?

It is the reason we are all who we are. Events have happened before that have been good examples of human nature and bad examples of human nature. The study of the past is a study of humanity. It allows us to ask big questions about our society today, by studying the decisions and processes that occurred in the past. The skills that you develop will make you an enquiring and curious individual, able to interpret the crazy nature of world events and to challenge the reason why we make the decisions we do.

### Where does it lead?

History is a diverse subject that can lead you into a multitude of fields from media or business, to politics or journalism. Whilst the subject itself opens many doors, it is the skills set that history offers which is truly remarkable. Critical thinking, data analysis, source investigation, extended essay writing, debate, presentations; these are all skills highly regarded by employers. A love of History may lead to postgraduate studies and research projects, or to teaching, archive or museum work. However, utilising those multidisciplinary skills could lead you to be a TV presenter, high court judge, comedian, author or almost anything else you aspire to!

### Course Content

The course content covers two main areas:

#### In Year 12

##### The Tudors from 1485-1547:

- The rule of Henry VII
- The rule of Henry VIII

##### The Cold War from c.1945-1962:

- Origins of the Cold War
- Widening of the Cold War into Asia
- Global war – Korean War to Cuban Missile Crisis

#### In Year 13

##### The Tudors continues from 1547-1603:

- The rule of Edward VI
- The rule of Mary
- The rule of Elizabeth I

##### The Cold War continues from 1962-1991

- Conflict in Vietnam to co-operation
- Détente
- End of the Cold War

### Course Assessment

There are two final exams at the end of Year 13, each contributing **50%** to the A Level grade and a non-examined assessment (coursework) which contributes the remaining **20%**:

**Unit 1C is the Tudors 1485-1603** and consists of one extract question, assessing three interpretations of an event, 30 marks, and two balanced analytical essays from a choice of three, 25 marks.

**Unit 2R is the Cold War, c.1945-1991** and consists of one source question, assessing its usefulness, worth 30 marks and two balanced analytical essays from a choice of three, each worth 25 marks.

**For further information,  
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