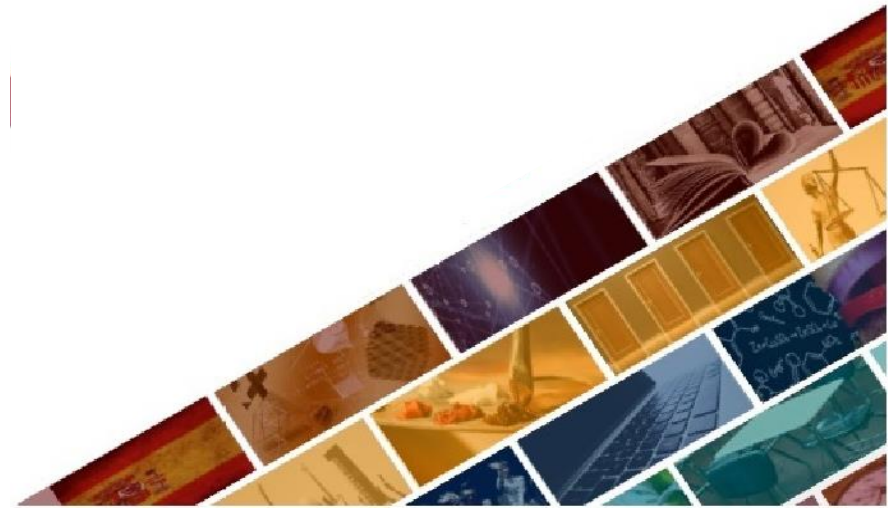


Shoeburyness High School

Sixth Form Subject Information

History

A Level



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History A Level

Subject Information

- The examination board is AQA.
- You will cover two examination units (80%) and a coursework component (20%).
 - The Tudors: England 1485-1603 – 2 hours 30 minutes examination in Year 13.
 - American Dream: Reality and Illusion, 1945-1980 – 2 hours 30 minutes examination in Year 13.
 - An historical investigation on a topic which is 4,000 words essay.
- You will be using interpretations, historiography, sources and extended answers.



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The Tudors: England 1485-1603

This unit will cover the following Tudor monarchs; Henry VII, Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary and Elizabeth I. You will cover the following questions:

- How did the monarchs restore and develop their powers as monarchs?
- How effectively was England governed?
- How did relations with foreign powers change and secure succession?
- How did English society and economy change?
- How far did religious ideas change?



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History A Level

American Dream: Reality and Illusion, 1945-1980

This unit will cover the following US Presidents; Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, John Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan.

You will cover the following areas:

- Foreign and Domestic policy
- Economic developments
- Social change
- Minority groups



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History A Level

Entry requirements

Pathway 2 entry requirements: 5 GCSEs at Grade 5 and above.

Subject entry requirements: 5 GCSEs at Grade 5 and above including Maths and English. You will also need at a least a Grade 5 in GCSE History.



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Subject Title & Level

Career Progression

A History A Level could lead to careers as; teachers, museum professionals, researchers, librarians and policy analyst.

A History A Level does not mean that your career profession has to be History based. History at A Level is very well respected in the **media field**, a qualification in History shows that you are able to look at all sides of the story, regarding the points of view of everyone involved. In particular, this is an advantage for students looking to go into a career in journalism.

Many students who take A level History also take the option of **Law**. Both courses complement each other. Employers in the field of Law look favourably on an A Level in History as it shows skills of analysis and objectivity.



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Subject Title & Level

University progression

History is widely recognised and respected within Universities as one of the most challenging, yet rewarding, subjects to study at A Level. It is considered an A Level that provides students with a lot of transferable skills (e.g. critical reasoning, analytical skills, problem solving and an ability to construct argument).

History, as a subject, is so diverse, those who take it are looked upon as being very dedicated students who are not afraid of hard work!



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