

History

What will you study?

The History A-Level at Holy Family follows the OCR exam board syllabus.

The units are:

Unit 1 British History—Britain 1930 to 1997 (focus on Churchill). Worth 25% of A-Level.

Unit 2 Non-British Unit—Russia 1894 to 1941. Worth 15% of A-Level.

Unit 3 Theme in Breadth—Britain and Ireland 1894 to 1941. Worth 40% of A-Level.

Unit 4 Independent Historical Enquiry (coursework): USA Civil Rights in 20th Century.
Worth 20% of A-Level.

Units 1 & 2 are studied in Year 12; Units 3 & 4 are covered in Year 13.

Why choose History?

“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

George Santayana

History A-Level offers the chance to learn about some of the greatest personalities and most significant events of the past. History is invaluable in making sense of the present; learning from the past; searching for patterns and understanding why things happen and their significance.

History is an analytical subject and if you enjoy asking questions, arguing your point and arriving at your own judgements then you will be suited to it. History lessons place a lot of emphasis on discussion and debate, encouraging pupils to develop their own skills and to think independently rather than just learning factual material.

History at University

A-Level History is highly regarded by Universities and employers. Historians are prized for their ability to gather and analyse information, express themselves clearly and for their independence of mind.

Graduates in a History degree enter careers as diverse as Law, Business Management, the Civil Service, Education, Banking, Retailing and Accountancy. Former History students are now barristers, university lecturers, solicitors, accountants, surveyors, judges and writers. Famous History graduates include John Snow, Louis Theroux, Gordon Brown, Sacha Baron Cohen and Jonathan Ross.

Entry Requirements:

Ideally you should have a grade 6 or above in GCSE History. A History GCSE is not essential to study History, but we would like a good result in GCSE English (Grades 9-6) if you are new to the subject.

