



History



What our students say:

"I would recommend History at Chenderit because the course is really wide-ranging and covers some fascinating topics. Studying history has helped me improve my ability to weigh up evidence and evaluate arguments, which is a skill that is vital for a whole variety of jobs. I've enjoyed A-level history so much I'm now considering it for university."

Entry Requirements:

5 GCSEs graded 9 – 4, including English and Mathematics

Exam Board and Specification Link:

OCR A Level History, H505: [OCR History specification](#)

What skills will you develop?

The aim is to create independent learners, critical thinkers and decision-makers – all personal assets that can make you stand out as you progress to higher education and/or the workplace.

This course is designed to develop a number of important skills. Among these are:

- Acquiring a broad range of historical knowledge and understanding, including a sense of development over time, and an appreciation of the culture and attitudes of societies other than our own;
- Evaluating critically the significance and utility of a large body of material, including evidence from contemporary sources and the opinions of more recent historians;
- Engaging directly with questions and presenting independent opinions about them in arguments that are well-written, clearly expressed, coherently organised and effectively supported by relevant evidence;
- Gaining the confidence to undertake self-directed learning, making the most effective use of time and resources, and increasingly defining one's own questions and goals.

What will you study?

- The Early Stuarts and the Origins of the Civil War 1603–1660
- Italy 1896-1943
- Civil Rights in the USA 1865–1992
- A topic of your choice



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Why study this subject?

A Level History A specification provides a fantastic curriculum to ignite and engage your passions and interests. History helps you discover how your world evolved and helps you develop the skills to look beyond the headlines, to ask questions properly, and to express your own opinions. History trains your mind and teaches you how to think and process information. You will be able to pursue your own personal interests and develop high level research skills. History students are rounded individuals who develop an understanding of both past and present. The pursuit of historical events and people is fun - a form of time travel!

How will you be assessed?

- British period study and enquiry (Y108 - The Early Stuarts and the Origins of the Civil War 1603–1660) 50 marks 1 hour 30 minute paper. (25%)
- Non-British period study (Y220 – Italy 1896-1943) 30 marks 1 hour paper. (15%)
- Thematic study and historical interpretations (Y319 - Civil Rights in the USA 1865–1992) 80 marks 2 hour 30 minute paper. (40%)
- 3000–4000 word essay (Y100 - Topic based essay) 40 marks. Non exam assessment (20%)

Where can the subject lead?

Employers value the research, analytical, teamwork and communication skills that are developed by history students. Historians are regarded as having had an education that trains their minds to assemble, organise and present facts and opinions and this is a very useful quality in many walks of life and career, and history is an excellent preparation for very many jobs. Typical employers of history graduates include: schools; higher education institutions; banks; accountancy firms; television and radio broadcasters; publishing companies; management consultancies; law firms; retailers. National and local government and the public services also attract history students, particularly the civil service, NHS management, the police and armed services. International development organisations, charities and heritage organisations are also potential employers, as well as museums and libraries.

Contact Information

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