



A Level History

What will I study?

A level History offers you the chance to explore the past in depth, understand how it has shaped the modern world, and develop key skills in analysis, evaluation, and argument. You'll study a combination of British, Russian and American History, focusing on themes such as politics, revolution, and conflict. Topics include Stuart Britain, the Russian Revolution, and the development Civil Rights and race relation in the United States. You'll examine evidence, debate interpretations, and learn how to construct clear and persuasive arguments – skills that are highly valued in higher education and employment.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment is through three written exams and one piece of coursework. The exams test your understanding of historical events, themes, and interpretations, while the coursework allows you to carry out an independent investigation on a topic of your choice. This combination of assessment methods develops your ability to research, analyse evidence, and present coherent arguments.

Modules and Content:

- Paper 1: Britain, 1625–1701 – conflict, revolution and settlement (30%)
- Paper 2: Russia in revolution, 1894–1924 (20%)
- Paper 3: Civil rights and race relations in the USA, 1850–2009 (30%)
- Coursework topic: Origins of the First World War (20%)

What are the entry requirements?

You must have five GCSEs at grade 5 or above (including English Language at grade 5 and Maths at grade 4) to meet the Sixth Form entry requirements at MK College, as well as GCSE History at grade 5 or above (if taken), GCSE English Language at grade 5 or above, and GCSE Maths at grade 4 or above for this subject.

Where will this course lead?

A level History is an excellent foundation for degrees in History, Politics, Law, International Relations, and English. It also supports entry into degree-level apprenticeships and a wide range of careers including journalism, civil service, law, education, and heritage management. The skills of research, communication, and analysis developed through studying History are valued across many professions.

What combines well with this subject?

History combines well with a variety of A Level subjects that enhance analytical thinking, writing, and critical reasoning skills, including Politics, English Literature, Sociology, Geography, and Law.