



A level

History

**What will I learn?**

Students will study:

The Crusades c.1095-1204

Anglo-Saxon England and the Anglo-Norman Conquest c.1053-1106

The witch craze in Britain, Europe and North America, c.1580-1750.

Coursework: The organisation of the Nazi Party

The lessons include a variety of activities including group work, independent research, essay writing and group presentations. Students are encouraged to take ownership of their learning through self and peer-assessment.

The course will develop a range of skills including the ability to communicate to audience, the ability to write extended and balanced arguments, the ability to conduct independent research and finally the ability to critically analyse a range of sources.

**What could this course lead on to?**

A level History will provide ideal preparation for graduate studies in Politics, Law, Journalism, TV/Media, as well as more obvious fields such as Archaeology, Archivist and Teaching.

The course will appeal to students who are:

- Highly motivated and fascinated by past events;
- Seeking to understand why past events happened and how they relate to current society;
- Keen to develop skills of communication, explanation, weighing up arguments, analysing sources and making judgments.

**Entry Requirements:**

Good literacy skills are required (GCSE grade 5 or above in History)

**Key content and assessment**

<b>Paper 1 Breadth study with interpretations</b>	The Crusades c.1095-1204	Worth 30% final of A2 grade; Exam in June, 2 hours 15 minutes. Answer 3 questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part A and B questions based on breadth of knowledge.</li> <li>• Part C question based on analysis of historical interpretations.</li> </ul>
<b>Paper 2 Depth Study</b>	Anglo-Saxon England and the Anglo-Norman Conquest c.1053-1106	Worth 20% of final A2 grade; 90 minute exam in June. Answer 2 questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part A - compulsory source question</li> <li>• Part B - choice of essay question to test knowledge and understanding.</li> </ul>
<b>Paper 3 Themes in breadth with aspects in depth</b>	The witch craze in Britain, Europe and North America, c.1580-1750.	Worth 30% of final A2 grade; Exam in June, 2 hours 15 minutes. Answer 3 questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part A – compulsory source question</li> <li>• Parts B and C – optional essay questions.</li> </ul>
<b>Course work</b>	The organisation of the Nazi Party	Worth 20% of final A2 grade; Students carry out an independently-researched enquiry requiring them to evaluate and analyse historical interpretations and to organise and communicate findings.

**Course Details**

**Awarding Body:** Edexcel

**Website Specific Number:** Specification Number: 9H10

**Website:** <http://www.edexcel.com/subjects/History/Pages/default.aspx>

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