

# A Level Courses 2025

## History



## Entry Requirements

### Minimum:

Standard Entry Requirements:  
5 GCSE's at a grade 4 or above and Grade 4 in GCSE History

### Special Consideration:

Students who did not study GCSE History will be considered provided they meet the minimum standard entry requirements of 5 GCSE's at Grade 4 or above.

### What will you learn:

A Level Students will follow a breadth and a depth study on our A Level History course. The Breadth Study - The Quest for Political Stability: Germany 1871 - 1991, looks at the development of the country written about by more historians than any other: The nature of a breadth study allows students to develop a broad understanding of the politics, economy, religion and society of this tumultuous nation. We consider the interpretations of those many historians and students are given the opportunity to share their views through investigation and discussion. The Depth Study - The Wars of the Roses 1437-1487, looks at the fascinating period of British history when the crown changed hands an astonishing 13 times in just 50 years. The nature of this depth study allows students to delve into the archives, using contemporary sources to investigate the ever-changing political, economic and military situations. These two parts of the course are examined at the end, making up 80% of the course. As part of the A Level History course, students will also study and complete a NEA (non-examined assessment), which currently considers various features of the Golden Age of Spain, when the Spanish Inquisition and exploration shaped the most powerful country in the world. At Callington students will be taught by teachers with over 15 years each of A-Level experience. We have an extensive set of resources to support student learning and access to a specific History library.

### Elements of the course:

The course will use lots of different teaching methods. Students will carry out group tasks, discussions and presentations in all of which they are encouraged to play an active role. There is the opportunity to use ICT within lessons for the presentation of work. Students will be expected to read a lot in their own time and carry out their own research. In addition to textbooks there is an extensive range of resources available.

### Where could it take me?

A level History is a good course to have for a range of occupations and future learning, including Degree courses in History, the law, Archaeology, Politics, Media, Journalism, Tour Guides, Museums. etc.

### Assessment:

Students will take two examinations at the end of the two year course. The examinations based on the breadth study and depth study each contribute 40% of the marks to the final grade. The personal study which is marked by teachers and moderated by the awarding body contributes the final 20% of the marks.