

The Last Word from  
Farlingaye Students:

'...lots of quality trips, like the USA'

'...studying History at GCSE made me hungry for more.'

'... The topics are really interesting... lessons are fun.'



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## Overview of the A Level (AQA) course

### Why study History?

As a student of History at A Level you will learn to develop a variety of key skills, both academic and interpersonal, that will be useful to your chosen career. For example it will allow you to:

- ask questions
- express your own opinions
- process information
- think independently
- structure arguments
- read effectively

Employers regard History highly because as students of History you are able to formulate and construct sustained arguments and question evidence. These skills give you a flexibility when choosing your future career, of which some are listed below:

- researcher
- journalist
- lawyer
- police Detective
- military Personnel
- teacher
- librarian
- museum curator
- or even Prime Minister!



### **Unit one: The Tudors: England, 1485-1603**

The start of this unit's major focus is the growth of political stability, from the instability of the War of the Roses to the establishment of secure government by Henry VII, and the development of Tudor rule under Henry VIII.

Students will continue the study of the Tudor Period by assessing the effectiveness of Henry VIII's children as rulers of England. Firstly by looking at the mid Tudor period and debating if the reigns of Edward VI and Mary I were characterised by crisis. Then by looking at the rule of Elizabeth I and addressing if it was a golden age.

### **Unit two: Revolution and Dictatorship: Russia, 1917-1953**

This unit is an in-depth study of the fall of the Tsarist regime and the subsequent Communist take over. The reasons for the revolution and establishment of Communist control will be addressed and debated.

The study of Russian History will continue by looking at the Stalinist regime following his establishment of power. The terror of this regime and of The Second World War will be explored along with the establishment of the USSR as a superpower and the start of its conflict with the USA.

### **Unit three: Historical investigation**

The 3000-3500 word coursework essay is worth 20% of the final A Level grade. Students will study an overview of American Civil Rights before independently writing an essay on a chosen topic.

