



Are there other ways to study History?

Yes, the History Extension Award. This is a qualification which does not test 'how much' history you know; rather, it assesses your ability to think critically and creatively for yourselves, your depth of comprehension, your intellectual potential and ability to apply knowledge in unfamiliar contexts. This course also deepens your general understanding of the nature of historical scholarship.

Are there any History trips?

Yes, there are a variety of trips on offer in History. We plan to visit relevant museums, go on field trips and listened to published historians at one of the many valuable history conferences available.

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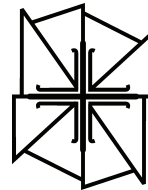
Why Study History?

You don't have to be the next Simon Schama!

There are many careers open to history students, and many famous careers have stemmed from learning history such as:-

- Edward Norton (Actor)
- Gordon Brown (Prime Minister)
- Sacha Baron Cohen (Ali G)

Perhaps the main reason to study History is because it is one of the most highly-regarded subjects by employers.



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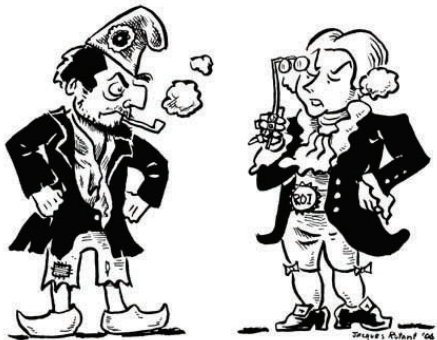
What courses can I study?

Why restrict yourself to only a few aspects of History? At Aquinas we feel you should have the choice, and we are keen to offer a wide range of topics. However, the government insists that you must study two elements: one unit must be a substantial British topic and the fourth unit has to be coursework. Classes in the topics below will run according to student numbers.

AS Choices

Unit 1:

- The Crusading movement and the Latin East 1095-1204
- Britain 1483-1529 (Richard III, Henry VII and Henry VIII)
- The Reformation in Europe 1500-1564 (Protestant and Catholic)
- France in Revolution, 1774-1815 (French Revolution to Napoleon)
- Tsarist Russia 1855-1914 (Alexander II to Nicholas II)
- USA, 1890-1945 (presidents, domestic and foreign policy)



Unit 2:

- Britain 1529-41 (Henry VIII and the English Reformation)
- Mussolini's Italy 1922-45 (rise and fall of Italian Fascism)
- The impact of Stalin's leadership in the USSR, 1928-41
- Anti-Semitism, Hitler and the German People 1919-42



A2 Choices

Unit 3:

- Britain 1541-1603 (Henry VIII, Edward, Mary and Elizabeth)
- The Emergence of a Great Power: Spain 1492-1556
- Making of Modern Britain, 1951-2007
- Aspects of International Relations 1945-2004

Unit 4: Coursework

- A 4000 word study using primary and secondary sources which cover 100 years.

Topics on offer so far:

- Ancient History: Roman Britain
- Medieval: Crusading Europe
- Early Modern: Golden Age of Spain, 1464–1598
- Early Modern: The European Witch Craze
- Modern: Britain, 1880-1980, the Welfare State.

Apart from unit 4 all units are exam based. The total exam time for the whole A level is 4 hours 15 minutes.

Course requirements

- You do not need to have studied History at G.C.S.E.
- Good G.C.S.E. grades
- A good standard of written English.
- Enthusiasm for the subject.
- Be prepared to read widely.