

# History



## About the Subject

History is a challenging and rewarding A Level subject. Students that take History do not just learn facts; they develop skills in analysis, problem solving, independent learning and communication.

Students who study history have the opportunity to explore events that have shaped the world we live in. Our topics covers a wide chronological, geographic and thematic range; from late medieval times to the present day; from the United States, to Russia; from the English Reformation to the US Civil Rights campaigns of the 1960s.

***"Studying History at St Wilfrid's has given me a greater understanding of how the past can be interpreted in different ways. It has helped me to enhance my analysis and evaluation skills; considering impact and significance, cause and consequence."***

**(Year 13 Student)**

## Course Content

Our exam board is OCR specification A and our examined units are England 1485–1558: The Early Tudors, Democracy and Dictatorship in Germany 1919-1963 and Civil Rights in the USA 1865-1992. Students are required to submit an Independent Investigation of 3,000-4,000 words.

## Entry Requirements

Five GCSEs at C or above including English Language Grade B and History Grade B.

## Career Paths

History is still one of the great A Level subjects that has a lot of credibility at university and elsewhere. It is useful in careers such as journalism, where being able to write clearly and accurately in a given space is a necessary skill; in the law, where the capacity to analyse and evaluate evidence is essential; and in investigative police work, where forensic attention to detail helps to piece a case together.

St Wilfrid's historians have gone on to study a whole range of subjects and then have taken up varied careers, and not just the traditional roles of librarianship, museum work, archaeology and teaching that you might expect. Many have also found places at the top universities where History is highly valued; some of our history students have been graduates of Oxford and Cambridge where they have read Law as well as History.

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