



History

One Year AS / Two Year A level.

Today's society is shaped by history. Historians try to make sense of significant events that have changed society in order to see how individual actions have impacted on the world in which we live. This course will develop your understanding of the past, encourage debate and discussion and extend your research, analytical and communication skills.

Requirements:

The College minimum to start an advanced level course is one grade B and four grade Cs at GCSE. Students wishing to undertake this course require grade C or above in GCSE History. The student will also be expected to meet the Average Points Score for this subject. If you have not studied GCSE History, grade B or above in GCSE English Language is required.

This subject will focus on:

(there is a choice of two courses)

English and American History This includes:

- changing role and position of women 1860-1930;
- English History - slavery and the slave trade 1760-1833;
- American War of Independence 1740-89;
- the United States, 1820-1877 (U6th topic); and
- rebellion and disorder in Tudor England (U6th topic – coursework).

Or, Modern World History

This includes:

- changing role and position of women 1860-1930;
- China 1949-1976;
- equality in the USA 1945-68;
- Germany 1900-1945 (U6th topic); and
- the Making of Modern Russia 1856-1964 (U6th topic - coursework).

You can expect to:

- develop and understand historical terms and concepts;
- explore the significance of events, individuals, issues and societies in history;
- understand the nature of historical evidence and the methods used by historians in analysis and evaluation;
- develop an understanding of how the past has been interpreted and represented; and
- carry out an in-depth research based investigation.

Method of assessment:

Assessment is by coursework (Upper 6th) and examination.

Progression:

A variety of options will be open to you after completing this subject. You can apply for degree courses in Humanities, Arts or Social Sciences and in particular, the study of History and Law. History can lead to a number of career options, e.g. in the civil service, the NHS, local government, personnel, law and journalism.

Student Success at Havering Sixth Form College:

In 2009, History had a 95% pass rate at AS and 100% at A2. 40% of students achieved grades A/B at AS and 51% achieved grades A/B at A2.

Amy Long (ex Albany) says of the course: "History has provided me with a new desire to learn. Studying such extraordinary events has changed the way I look at the past. The fun way in which it is taught has driven me to choose to continue my study of History at University."

Paige Langton (ex Hall Mead) commented: "History is a really interesting and challenging subject. Each lesson is different from the last and the teachers are very experienced and caring. When I needed help with my coursework and writing skills the facilitator organised extra lessons that enabled me to get my work in on time. I would recommend this subject for those who want to learn about a range of different topics."