



# A Level History

History is offered at all schools across the Joint Sixth Form. We all follow the AQA specification which offers a range of interesting and engaging historical topics for study. Carre's Grammar School, Kesteven and Sleaford High School and St. George's Academy each offer different courses focused on aspects of British, European and World History. All three courses aim to offer a combination of breadth and depth of study.

## AIMS OF THE COURSE

- Develop a coherent knowledge of the past;
- Develop and apply understanding of historical topics;
- Develop the techniques of critical thinking in a historical context;
- Develop critical awareness of a range of historical dimensions;
- Develop the ability to communicate historical arguments and conclusions clearly and succinctly.

## ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

A Level assessment is by final written examination and coursework (Non-examined Assessment).

## COURSE CONTENT AND SKILLS REQUIRED

Pupils are now required to study a 200 year period that is 40% British history, and contains opportunities to study change over short and long periods of time through breadth and depth studies. The three different schools in the Sleaford Joint Sixth Form each offer the following options:

St. George's Academy	Carre's Grammar School	Kesteven and Sleaford High School
Tsarist and Communist Russia, 1855-1964	Stuart Britain and the Crisis of Monarchy, 1603-1702	The Making of a Superpower: The USA 1865-1975
The Wars of the Roses, 1450-1499	Revolution and Dictatorship: Russia, 1917-53	The Wars of the Roses, 1450-1499
Non-examined Assessment: An Historical investigation into German Unification or the Rise of the Nazis.	Non-examined Assessment: Civil Rights in the USA, 1865-1992	Non-examined Assessment: Totalitarianism in Germany 1848-1945

Written fluency and ability to analyse historical documents are essential skills in this subject. It is important to have an interest in studying History at this level as pupils are expected to read widely around the course.

## VISITS & TRIPS

The History departments of all three schools aim to enliven the A Level course with relevant trips and lectures. For example a visit to the Tower of London is often organised as part of the study of the Wars of the Roses. When possible, students will also have the opportunity to participate in lectures and seminars run by leading historians and university lecturers.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

History is recognised as an invaluable A Level subject by both universities and employers. It can open many doors to a wide variety of career opportunities ranging from law to media, from business to education, from politics to police work.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The minimum entry requirements for Level 3 academic study apply. In addition, applicants require a Grade 6 in GCSE History. Students who have not studied GCSE History will require a Grade 6 in English.