



HISTORY

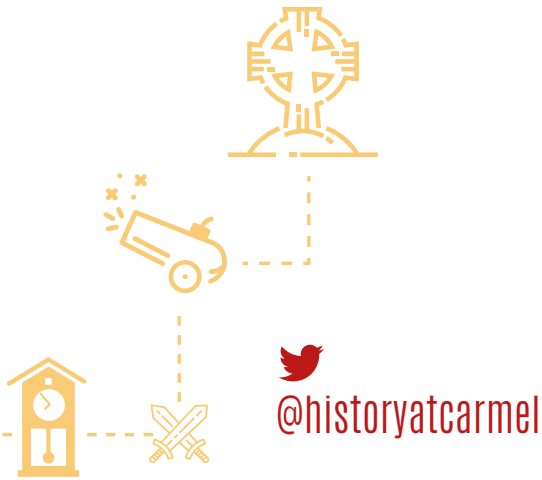
COURSE GUIDE 2018

The supreme purpose of
history is a better world.

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History

Linear A Level
Exam Board: AQA



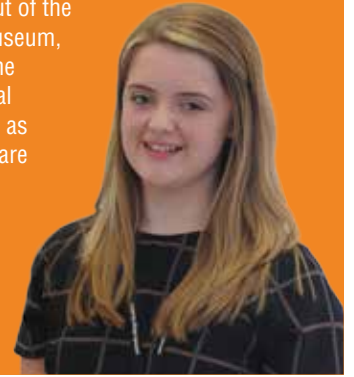
OUR STUDENTS SAY...

What makes Carmel special is the drive and determination from students and staff to help you achieve your goals.

Carmel's History Department goes beyond the course specification to ensure that you gain an in-depth understanding of past events. During the two years you will develop analytical skills and be encouraged to think as a historian by constantly questioning the validity of the history itself.

A valuable part of History at Carmel is the variety of Enrichment trips available to take learning out of the classroom, with trips to the Imperial War Museum, Washington and Berlin to name but a few. The support available is also fantastic with tutorial classes to help with essay skills and revision as well as stretch and challenge resources that are continually updated.

Caitlin Corrigan Haydock High School
Studying: History, English Literature, Law,
Mathematics



What will I study?

A Level (two year course):

Your A Level final grade is based on 2 exams taken at the end of the two year course, in addition to the Historical Investigation which is completed in the first term of Upper Sixth.

Component 1 (Breadth study – 100 years)

Britain, 1851-1964. Exam assessed and 40% of overall mark.

Component 2 (Depth study)

USA: Conflict at Home and Abroad, 1945-1980 (US Civil Rights, 1945-76 & America and Vietnam, 1945-1975). Exam assessed and 40% of overall mark.

Component 3 (Historical investigation)

You will complete a historical investigation which will cover Liverpool and the Atlantic Slave Trade 1700-1807. Assessed 3,500 word coursework essay and 20% of overall mark.

Where does this course lead?

History is a very versatile subject. Of course you can, and we hope you will, progress to a History or a History related degree (for example Politics, Archaeology or American Studies). Such a degree can lead to career opportunities that are broader than you may think; for example, law, television, research, politics, journalism, publishing, business and management... the list is endless!

However, for many students their final career may not be directly related to their degree (this goes for most subjects) and what will matter is the quality of your degree and the fact that History is a highly valued and respected subject because of the skills it develops.

Regardless of your future career, an interest in History demonstrates to a future employer that you are open-minded, can make decisions based on evidence, and are interested in the world around you. You will also develop transferable skills such as analysis, evaluation, organisation and presentation of information orally and in written form.

Meet the Tutors

Louisa Owen
Head of Department

Laurence Delahunty
History Tutor

Clare Wheatcroft
History Tutor



History trip to London



Students visiting parts of the Berlin Wall

OUR STUDENTS SAY...

Carmel is a very friendly and engaging working environment which gives you the opportunity to grow and develop as an individual.

The History course provides a wide variety of in-depth knowledge that covers an extensive period of history. Within the course you are challenged to extend upon your ability to analyse and research information, enhancing your abilities in everyday life. I would recommend this course to anyone passionate about History as the support from the staff is excellent and allows the student to fully understand the course from different perspectives. After Carmel I plan to further my education at university. The skills that I have acquired from studying History will definitely help to improve my transition from A Level to university due to the essay writing skills I have obtained.

John Hampson St Francis Xavier's College
Studying: History, Fine Art, Mathematics,
Physics



What support will I receive?

Throughout your course you will be supported fully by the department both in and out of the classroom.

Lessons will be varied to suit different learning styles and there will always be opportunities for questioning, reinforcement and individual help. If individual problems with content or skills are identified, then individual or group tutorials will be available on a weekly basis or you may ask for help at a different time. You will be given your own "minimum expected grade" very early on and this will enable you to see if you are progressing to the best of your ability and set targets.

All work is marked thoroughly showing clearly what you should do to improve your grade. Poor scoring work can be resubmitted.

Stretch & Challenge

Whilst we aim to stretch and challenge all of our students, the History Department offers a programme to ensure that our top students are challenged as much by the subject as our less able students. This includes:

- High Achievers material available on Connect, specifically colour coded
- A* exemplar materials used as part of the assessment feedback process
- 'Go Further' tasks integral to lesson planning and home learning
- Tutorials/ seminars targeted at potential A* candidates
- Links with former History students who are studying / have studied at Russell Group universities – those students are invited in at the end of Lower Sixth to talk to History students.

What is the History Department like?

History students study in the West Park building which provides a modern and spacious, state-of-the-art learning environment. Facilities include two well resourced classrooms equipped with interactive white boards, multi-media projectors and wireless internet connection. The department's resources include access to a computer suite, in addition to a wide range of DVDs and software resources specifically related to the course contents.

Each student will have access to online course text books. Furthermore, students will be directed to a wide range of useful websites, specialist articles and an extensive range of books in the Library.

Student Voice

"The course is very well planned with each module on connect. Definitely The most organised and easiest to revise subject because of the up to date system which can be reached at home."

"I love the course and the teachers are fantastic, they are always there if you need support, and provide fun, informative and interesting lessons every day."

"The course is structured very well for both Britain and America sections, and very organised way of learning each of the section."

"Lessons are well planned, we go through content thoroughly and practise for the exam in timed conditions."

"Enthusiastic tutors."

"The passion the department has for the subject."



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One of the best things about Carmel is the variety of opportunities given to you from the start, from both your subject and personal tutors.

Even though I'm only part way through my first year, I've already attended conferences and open days to explore my potential options. The high-quality facilities and level of teaching enable you to get the best from each of your subjects. History was a good subject choice for me, as it provides an insight into other areas such as economics, government, and politics. There are also many skills to gain, which are useful in most degrees. I value this highly as I wish to go onto Higher Education. However, getting into university also requires academic success, and the college encourages and motivates you to go beyond your potential. This push helps you to achieve highly and pursue your ideal path.

Anna Elliot Penketh High School
Studying: History, English Literature, Biology, Psychology



Frequently Asked Questions

How successful are Carmel's History students?

		No of Entries	A*-C	Overall Pass Rate
2014	A2	65	90%	100%
2015	A2	113	84%	100%
2016	A2	104	86%	99%
2017	A Level	118	82%	98%

What are the entry requirements for this course?

You will need **GCSE grade 5 in History or Humanities** (if studied) and **GCSE grade 5 in English Language**.

What makes a good History student?

An enquiring mind, an ability to see many sides of an issue and an enjoyment of reading.

How can I enrich my History studies?

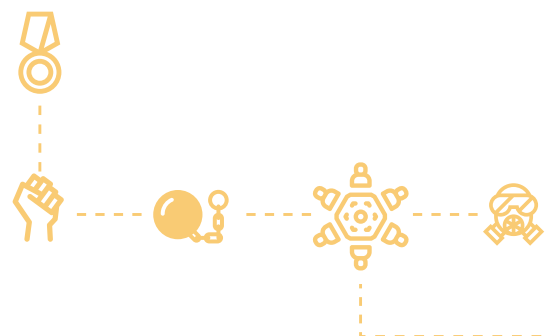
Lectures by specialist historians are available on a variety of topics and these will be booked either for the whole group or just for those who are interested. Local and foreign visits will also be offered to enhance your understanding of the modules, in particular, trips to London, America and Berlin may be offered as well as the battlefields of Belgium and France. All visits will be subject to sufficient interest and availability.

Links have been made with Liverpool University. Cinema visits are also arranged whenever historically relevant films are released as are local trips of historical interest.

What other skills will History give me?

We aim to produce students who are fully aware of the transferable skills they are developing through the study of History. These skills, which will be invaluable in the work place, include:

1. Communication and interpersonal skills
2. Problem solving skills
3. Use of initiative and the engendering of self-motivation
4. Ability to work under pressure and to meet deadlines
5. Organisational skills
6. Team working
7. Resilience – the ability to learn and to adapt
8. Numeracy
9. Valuing of diversity and difference
10. Negotiation skills



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More Information

For details of the course specification visit: www.aqa.org.uk