

<b>Course Title:</b> A Level History	<b>LARS/QAN Code:</b> 60147015
<b>Level:</b> Three	<b>Awarding Organisation:</b> OCR
<b>Delivery:</b> Classroom based	<b>Start Date:</b> September
<b>Location:</b> Headlands School	<b>Url:</b> <a href="http://www.headlandsschool.co.uk/">http://www.headlandsschool.co.uk/</a>
<b>Cost:</b> Covered by EFA funding	<b>Duration:</b> 2 years
<b>Full-time or Part-time:</b> Full-time	<b>Attendance:</b> Daytime

## Who is the course for?

We recommend that you gain a grade 6 or above in History at GCSE, as without this level of prior attainment you will struggle to reach the level required for A level.

This is a step-up from GCSE but the way you have been taught at GCSE will make the A Level course easier to adapt to. You will be expected to talk and explain your answers and to be prepared to argue and debate. You will also need to be able to write answers that are several sides of A4 by the end of the course. There will be the expectation that you do regular homework, personal study and read around the topic. There will be a lot of quiz style homework to make sure that you learn the key facts and improve your recall over time. The emphasis will be on you organizing your time in order to maximize your progress. This is a course which prepares you for Higher Education. Due to the rigour of the exam questions students are required to produce arguments and not simply learn and repeat “answers”. The more you research the topics, the easier this will become.

## Entry requirements:

Standard entry requirement for A Level programme.

## What you'll learn:

- The Early Tudors (Henry VII, Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary I) (Paper 1)
- Democracy & Dictatorships in Germany 1919-1963 (Paper 2)
- Popular Culture & the 16th Century & 17th Century Witch Craze (Paper 3)
- Holocausts in the 20th century (personal study)

## How you'll learn:

3 written exams: 1 hour 30 minutes (25% - paper 1), 1 Hour (15% - paper 2), 2 hours 30 minutes (40% - paper 3)

One Historical Investigation which is done in class time. This is a non-exam assessment. This is a personal study based on a topic of students' choice. This will take the form of a question in the context of approximately 100 years. It will be 3000-4000 words. This is worth 20% of A-level and is marked by teachers and moderated by OCR.

## How you'll be assessed:

### Exam assessment, marked by the exam board:

- Popular Culture & the 16th Century & 17th Century Witch Craze - 2 ½ hour exam.
- Tudors - 1 hour and 30 minutes exam.
- Democracy & Dictatorships in Germany 1919-1963 - 1 hour exam.

**Non exam assessment:**

**Historical Investigation.** This is a personal study based on a topic of the student's choice. This will take the form of a question in the context of approximately 100 years and will need to be 3000-4000 words. This is marked by teachers and moderated by OCR.

**Where next:**

History A level is highly regarded at all universities and is highly valued by the Russell group of universities as it is considered to be one of the traditionally rigorous subjects of enquiry, debate and argument.

The literacy rich content of the course, the depth of enquiry and communication skills which you will need to develop during the course, will compliment most other A Levels.

History study skills are very employable assets in a wide range of careers. History is considered to be an excellent springboard into Law, Politics, Economics, Sociology and the Social Sciences, Government, Diplomacy, Civil Service, Management, Languages, Education, American Studies, European studies and any career where the analysis of complex data is required to be analysed and presented to others in a coherent and understandable format.