

Why Choose History?

History gives you the opportunity to expand your horizons, allowing you to understand the values, attitudes and motives of other people, whether of different nationalities, racial groups or religions. The study of History also helps you to understand who you are and how you came to be. The course will be instrumental in developing important skills such as researching and questioning historical sources, forming objective argument and using evidence to draw and develop empathy and understanding of the actions and achievements of others.



Choose History as an option and you will also have the chance to develop your critical thinking skills and historical judgement in a subject which links well with other courses such as Politics, English Literature and Law.

You will have the opportunity to participate in the Holocaust Education Trust's Auschwitz programme, debating competitions and see history come to life during one of our museum visits. You can also be involved in a successful Year 7 History Club and support KS3 lessons to help develop younger students' historical skills.



At Alun School,
our experienced teaching team provide expert
guidance and tuition in 5 weekly lessons.

History

Assessment Information

A Level Units: WJEC

AS Unit 1 - Period Study - open-ended questions with a focus on politics, people and progress in Wales and England c.1880-1980 - 1 hour and 30 minutes written examination that makes up 20% of qualification.

AS Unit 2 - Depth Study - evidence based with focus on the evaluation of historical sources and different interpretations concerning the Democracy and Dictatorship of Weimar c.1918-1945 - 1 hour and 45 minutes written examination that makes up 20% of qualification.

A2 Unit 3 - Breadth Study - essays focused on poverty, protest and rebellion in Tudor Wales and England c.1485-1603 - 1 hour and 45 minutes written examination that makes up 20% of qualification.

A2 Unit 4 - Depth Study - source-based question and an essay arising from further study of Democracy and Dictatorship c. 1918-1945 - 1 hour and 45 minutes written examination that makes up 20% of qualification.

A2 Unit 5 - Historical Interpretations - 3000-4000 words focusing on a specific historical problem or issue - non-exam assessment that makes up 20% of qualification.

Entry Requirements

You should have achieved a grade B or above in GCSE English Language and English Literature and preferably a grade B or above in GCSE History or equivalent qualification.

Progression Routes

The transferable skills and knowledge you will gain through the study of History at Alun School will be invaluable in enabling you to access a wide range of courses at university.

History will give you an excellent grounding for multiple career opportunities including:



Every year, this highly successful course inspires many students to progress on to study non-historical degree courses such as Journalism, Law, European Studies and Politics at well-respected institutions.

“History has changed the way I think. I look for my own answers rather than accepting what I’m told.” - Yr 13 student

“I chose History at A Level because I believe it is important to learn about what life was like many years ago and how it is different to the way we live today. History is particularly enjoyable at Alun School Sixth Form as the teachers within the course help to make it understandable whilst supporting you to achieve your full potential.” - Yr 12 student

“We need history to teach us about the future.” - Yr 13 student

