

HISTORY

Why should I study History?

History matters. History helps us to understand change. It helps to explain how the society we live in came to be. Through learning about the past you have a much better understanding of the present. Not only should you study History because it is all around us but because important abilities and qualities of mind are acquired through the study of history. History also offers students the opportunity to acquire and improve on many key skills including:

- Communication (verbal and written)
- Analytical skills
- The use of information technology
- Learning to learn and independent thinking
- Research skills
- Numeracy/ application of numbers

Bolingbroke is best for History because...

Bolingbroke is best because you have a team of subject specialists who are passionate about their subject and can support you with your studies. History teachers at Bolingbroke are exceptionally committed and experienced. You will also have the opportunity to study periods of History that are not usually studied at A-level elsewhere. This will not only make your university applications stand out but it will also enrich your education and social and cultural experiences.

What will I study?

You will complete three exams and one

piece of coursework as part of your History A-level. The exam board that we will be using is Edexcel. The topics you will study include:

- 1509-1603: authority, nation and religion
- Martin Luther and the German Reformation c.1515-55
- The Witchcraze in Britain, Europe and North America, c.1580-1780

The coursework element of the history A-level allows pupils to choose their own topic. Students must complete research and carry out a historical enquiry, analysing and evaluating historical interpretations, and organising and communicating the findings in the form of an essay. The coursework element of the history A-level is very similar to the type of work students would undertake at undergraduate level.

Additional activities within this subject

- Links with Universities - QMUL & KCL.
- Extra-curricular support and study days (exam support).
- Potential for trips abroad including Krakow and Washington D.C.
- History Society: half termly twilight lectures from historians.
- Lecture conferences and revision days where you will listen to historians including David Starkey, John Guy (Cambridge), Steven Gunn (Oxford) and William Doyle (Bristol).



What our students say

“At Bolingbroke, all of our History teachers have a real passion for the subject, and are really knowledgeable about the world and its past.”

Class of 2019 student