

A-Level History

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Exploring the past with History!

- Find out how and why the world we live in is influenced by past events and people.
- Develop a balanced understanding of the past.
- Develop communication, literacy, interpretation, evaluation and analytical skills.

Opportunities

Students studying History are taught by subject specialists. Learning is also by trips to relevant places and also by Virtual Trips in class or homework. There is a lot of emphasis on independent learning.

Links with, and visits to, local universities help to raise aspiration and help to give students the skills to be successful at A-Level.

Why study this course at Bellerive FCJ Sixth Form?

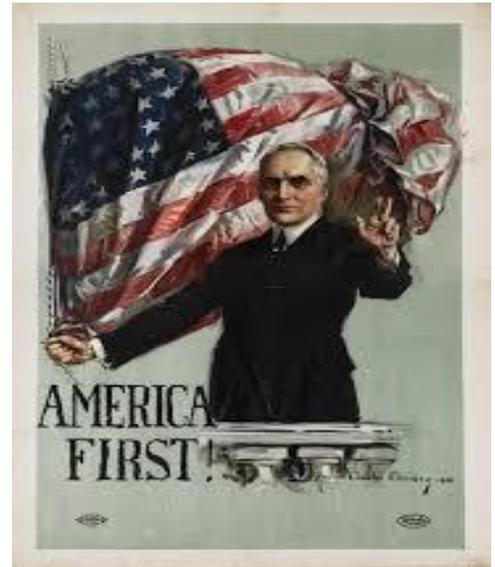
History is the subject that is preparing students for jobs that value people who can form judgements based upon evidence and testing the evidence. It's also fun to learn about the past.

Subject teachers are well qualified, enthusiastic, experienced, and caring. The department is well equipped with the resources needed for studies to be successful, e.g. up to date textbooks, work booklets, exam practice software.

"We can learn from history, but we can also deceive ourselves when we selectively take evidence from the past to justify what we have already made up our minds to do."

Margaret MacMillan (Historian)





What will I study?

- USA Boom and Bust (1920-1955)
- Britain Transformed (1918-1997)
- Rebellion and Disorder in Tudor Times (1485-1603)
- Coursework on Northern Ireland in the 20th Century

How will I be assessed?

Three exams (80%) and Coursework NEA (20%)

Can I take this course if I have not taken it at GCSE?

Students would need to demonstrate an aptitude and passion for the subject and have a strong grade in English. It is advisable to take A levels having done a GCSE in that subject though.

What current students say about this subject?

'Not only is history an enjoyable subject with fantastic teachers, but it allows you to develop important critical thinking skills and a greater understanding of the world around you'

Eve, a current Year 12 student

What can the course lead on to?

History can lead to many opportunities in both Further Education and employment. History opens many employment opportunities including being a lawyer, teacher, criminologist, archaeologist and many more. Anything involving the skills of analysis, evaluation of evidence and working with the facts will value Historians.

