

History (AQA)

“We are not makers of history. We are made by history.” - Martin Luther King

At Northampton High, History is a popular, dynamic course that studies Tsarist & Communist Russia 1855-1964 and Modern Britain 1951-2007. Students also have a rare opportunity to choose their topic of study for the Non-Examined Assessment.



Academic

The A Level History course introduces girls to some of the key events and personalities that have shaped important developments in Modern British and European History and still have an impact on the world we live in today.

In addition, they will develop skills such as the ability to construct arguments and to discriminate between the relevant and irrelevant. Written skills will be enhanced in terms of learning to write more concisely and fluently. Students are encouraged to debate the issues raised, research around the subjects taught and prepare presentations to enhance learning.

Co-Curricular

Sixth Form Historians have taken the opportunity to visit the Somme Battlefields and Berlin in recent years for enrichment. There is usually an annual visit to Westminster with girls from the Politics & International Relations Elective.

Extracurricular talks are given by staff and outside speakers to develop historical thinking and skills, and we visit the University of Northampton to meet History Department academics, using the library for research. Support for Oxbridge applications is also available.