

	HISTORY	
	Qualification Level	A-level
	Exam Board/ Syllabus	Edexcel
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Why Study This Course?

The study of A-Level history focuses on the analysis and evaluation of information. History students are encouraged to identify facts and motives and to present information clearly for others to understand. These skills are useful in a number of careers. Some careers directly linked to the study of history include working in museums, galleries, heritage sites, archives and teaching.

Course Assessment Pattern/ Structure

The History course at Sponne focuses on a range of topics including:

- Germany from 1918-1989
- The rise and fall of Italian fascism 1911-1946
- The British experience of warfare 1790-1918
- The causes of the First World War

Course Content

The course has a chronological range of two hundred years and students will study a range of countries and time periods:

Overview	Topic	Assessment details
Paper 1: Study in breadth. 30% of A-Level	Germany and West Germany 1919-1989	2 hour 15 minute exam at the end of Year 13. The exam will consist of 2 essay questions and a further question focusing on interpretations. This exam will be marked out of 60.
Paper 2: Study in depth. 20% of A-Level	The rise and fall of fascism in Italy c. 1911-1946	1 hour 30 min exam at the end of Year 13. The exam will consist of 1 source based question and 1 essay. This exam will be marked out of 40.
Paper 3: Aspects in breadth with aspects in depth. 30% of A-Level	The British experience of warfare c. 1790-1918	2 hour 15 minute exam at the end of Year 13. There will be three questions focusing on different aspects of the topic. This exam will be marked out of 60.
Coursework: 20% of A-Level	Historical interpretations. The causes of the First World War.	3000-4000 word essay. This will be based on historical interpretations. Students will focus on three different interpretations and evaluate their arguments with reference to relevant context. The word limit will be 4000 words.

A-Level History will appeal to you if:

- You have an interest in the world around you, the society you live in, and how it has developed.
- You like learning about people, how they interact and what motivates them.
- You like learning about different countries, societies and cultures.
- You enjoy discussion, debate and argument.
- You are an independent thinker and like to develop your own views.
- You enjoy researching, evaluating and analysing evidence.

Higher/Further Education & Career Links

A-Level history is a well-regarded, rigorous qualification. The study of A-Level History enables students to progress to higher education courses such as undergraduate degrees in history or related subjects such as politics, civil service English literature, law, journalism, economics or geography.

<i>Business & Innovation</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Expressive Arts & Languages</i>	Humanities	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>PE</i>	<i>Science</i>
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