

The History course engages pupils from the outset with such topics as the fight for Civil Rights in the USA as well as debating the impact of the Reagan Presidency. During the Sixth Form, pupils are able to visit the USA to enrich their understanding of American History and Politics as well as experiencing university life, lectures and libraries perhaps for the first time.

## THE COURSE

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This course encourages pupils to develop their interest in, and enthusiasm for, History. The course is deliberately varied in topic to ensure pupils gain an understanding of different identities within society today as well as to be able to think independently and to reach well-reasoned and supported conclusions. They also learn to write coherently and present arguments effectively both orally and on paper which will serve them well in the future. Pupils need an interest in History and a desire to learn more and expand their mind.

Topics covered include The Wall Street Crash, Martin Luther King and Malcolm X and The Red Scares of 1920s and 1950s, as well as the impact of the Reagan Presidency; the fight for independence in India and Gandhi's role in that, Rebellion and disorder under the Tudors.

## ASSESSMENTS

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- **Paper 1 - In search of the American Dream (1917-1996)**  
30% (2 hrs 15 mins)
- **Paper 2 - India: The road to independence (1914-1948)**  
20% (1 hr 30 mins)
- **Paper 3 - Rebellion and Disorder under the Tudors (1485-1603)**  
30% (2 hrs 15 mins)
- **Coursework**  
20% (3,000 - 4,000 word essay)

## BEYOND THE COURSE

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History is a popular and well-respected subject at university. It develops not only a wide knowledge and understanding of why the world and its peoples came to be as they are today, but also a range of transferable skills which are vital in the workplace, such as analytical and research skills as well as creative problem solving skills.

Recent St George's leavers have gone on to study History at Oxford, Durham, Edinburgh, Warwick and Cardiff, History and Politics at York, History and Spanish, and History and International Relations at Exeter, and History and History of Art at Edinburgh.