

Humanities:

- A-Level Geography
- A-Level Government & Politics
 - A-Level History
- A-Level Philosophy

Standard Entry Guidelines

5 GCSEs with a mixture of grades 9-5 in a least 5 different subjects including English Language and Mathematics

A-Level Geography

Exam Board: AQA

Entry Requirements

Standard plus grade 6 in Geography GCSE, and grade 5 in 2 Sciences.

How is the subject assessed?

80% Examinations 20% Non Examined Assessment (NEA)

Paper 1: Physical Geography = 40%

Paper 2: Human Geography = 40%

Non-Examined Assessment (NEA) Independent Fieldwork Investigation= 20%

What will I study?

You will explore topics such as Hazards, Population and the Environment, Changing Places, Coasts, Water and the Carbon Cycle, Global Systems and Governance and also carry out an individual investigation.

Is this subject right for me?

This subject is for you if you: have a real interest in the world around you and its sustainable management and want to apply your understanding in real-world contexts; want to develop your skills in researching and evaluating information and analysing data; like problem solving.

What Next?

Geography graduates have some of the highest employment rates, with opportunities across a wide range of careers. There's no single "geography job"—instead, geographers work in diverse sectors including travel and tourism, environmental management, business, global development, the built environment, teaching, government and Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

A-Level Government & Politics

Exam Board: Edexcel

Entry Requirements

Standard plus grade 6 in GCSE History or Geography.

How is the subject assessed?

100% Examinations:

- 3 exams
- Each exam lasts 2 hours

What will I study?

This course gives you a strong understanding of how political systems work in both the UK and the USA. Students will study:

- UK Politics: democracy, participation, electoral system and voting behaviour
- UK Government: the roles of the Prime Minister, Parliament and the Judiciary
- Political Ideologies: Conservatism, Socialism, Liberalism and Feminism
- US Politics

Is this subject right for me?

Politics enables students to develop a wide range of relevant skills including the ability to understand, synthesise and interpret political information. You will learn to identify connections, similarities and differences between the areas studied.

What Next?

Progress to university with A Levels—then turn a Politics degree into careers such as Civil Service Fast Streamer, Government Social Research Officer, Political Assistant, Public Affairs Consultant, PR Executive, Social Researcher, Journalist, or PR Officer.

A-Level History

Exam Board: AQA

Entry Requirements

Standard plus grade 6 in GCSE History.

How is the subject assessed?

Two exams plus one independently researched essay:

- **Paper 1 – The Tudors, 1485–1603:** 2 hr 30 min exam (40%)
- **Paper 2 – Russia, 1917–1953:** 2 hr 30 min exam (40%)
- **Coursework (NEA):** Independent historical investigation (3,500–4,500 words) (20%)

What will I study?

You will explore the:

- 20th Century Russian History: the downfall of the Tsar, the Russian Revolution and Stalin's dictatorship.
- Tudor History: Henry VIII - Elizabeth I
- Students will also carry out a historical investigation into a topic of their choice.

Is this subject right for me?

If you enjoy debate, analysis and exploring the past in depth, A-Level History is for you. You'll study the Tudors and 20th-century Russia in detail, developing strong research skills and the confidence to argue your ideas clearly.

What Next?

A-Level History is highly valued by universities and employers. It builds skills in research, analysis and evaluation, enabling you to form clear, well-supported arguments. You'll gain confidence working independently and collaboratively, and communicate ideas effectively through writing and presentations—skills valuable across many careers.

A-Level Philosophy

Exam Board: AQA

Entry Requirements

Standard plus grade 6 in GCSE Religious Studies and/or grade 6 in English.

How is the subject assessed?

Two 3-hour exams, each worth 50%. There is no coursework.

What will I study?

- **Epistemology:** a study of the theory knowledge
- **Moral Philosophy:** a study of normative ethical theories
- **Metaphysics of God:** a study of the concept of God
- **Metaphysics of Mind:** a study of minds and mental states

Is this subject right for me?

Philosophy is a challenging and thought-provoking subject exploring big questions about knowledge, truth and morality. It suits curious, open-minded students who enjoy debate and want to broaden their thinking. It pairs well with a wide range of subjects, from History and English to Maths and the sciences.

What Next?

A-Level Philosophy develops independent thinking and the ability to tackle complex real-world and “big” questions. Strong essay writing and critical analysis skills are highly valued by universities and employers. It is a respected qualification that supports a wide range of careers, including law, journalism, education, business, public services and medicine.