



**Brigg  
Sixth Form**

## A Level History

The OCR History course taught in the Brigg Sixth Form concentrates on modern British and European History.

### What Entry Requirements Do I Need?

The minimum requirement for any A level course at Brigg Sixth Form College is five 9-4 GCSE grades. In addition at least a Grade 5 in History and a Grade 5 in English would be expected.

### How Will I Be Assessed?

There are three examination papers taken at the end of Year 13 and a non-examination essay which also contributes to the final grade. A summary is as follows:

**Unit Level:** Y223 A

**Method Of Assessment:**

Examination - essays (1hr)

**Subject Content:**

The Cold War in Europe 1941-1995

**Type Of Study:**

Non British period

A2: 15%

**Unit Level:** Y110 A

**Method Of Assessment:**

Examination - essays (1hr 30 min)

**Subject Content:**

From Pitt to Peel 1783-1853

**Type Of Study:**

Period & Enquiry

A2: 25%

**Unit Level:** Y316 A

**Method Of Assessment:**

Examination - essays (2hrs 30 min)

**Subject Content:**

Britain and Ireland 1791-1921

**Type Of Study:**

Thematic

A2: 40%

**Unit Level:** Y100 A

**Method Of Assessment:**

No exam assessment 3000-4000 word essays

**Subject Content:**

Any topic of choice

**Type Of Study:**

Independent Investigation

A2: 20%

### What Will I Learn on This Course?

How to communicate clear, concise and logical arguments both on paper and in class discussions. An understanding of different historical interpretations of the past. An ability to analyse and evaluate source materials. An awareness of some of the key events of the 19th and twentieth century that helped shape the modern world.

### Why Study History?

History helps us to understand change and how the society we live in came to be. The second reason history is inescapable as a subject of serious study follows closely on the first. The past causes the present, and so the future

Studying History also helps us to understand other cultures, addressing questions such as "Why are other cultures different from ours?" or "Why are some cultures antagonistic, whereas others are not?". By studying the past, you will learn more about what makes societies operate the way they do.

In addition, History is the study of change. The world is constantly changing, so understanding the role of change in society helps us to interpret the world in its current state. History provides us with a firm grasp of why things change, the mechanisms driving change and its significance.

The pursuit of History is ideally suited to someone with intellectual curiosity, someone who enjoys debate and discussion, someone who does not mind reading and someone with enthusiasm for the past.

### Where Will an A Level in History Lead Me?

While in the Sixth Form at Brigg, History will complement a number of other A Level subjects e.g. English, French and Geography, as well as providing an interesting contrast for students taking Sciences or Mathematics. It develops a range of skills that will be useful in Higher Education and in a number of professions e.g. Law, Management and Journalism.