



Queen Mary's College

FAQs – History

Q: *What does History go well with?*

A: You can combine History with whatever you like! Politics and Philosophy sit well in the same department. History is also often combined with English, Social Sciences (Law, Economics, Sociology, etc.), Sciences and many other subjects besides.

Q: *Which of the three History A-levels should I choose?*

A: You're probably best to choose the History course which most interests you! Note also that Ancient History is 100% examined, whereas the other two courses are 80% examined, 20% coursework.

Q: *What careers can History lead to?*

A: A huge range. As a sample: journalist, business management, civil servant, teacher, local government officer, solicitor, barrister, museum curator, and librarian.

Q: *I hate writing and reading but love History..... can I do History?*

A: You certainly need to be aware that A-level history involves lots of reading and writing! Talk honestly with a teacher about what History entails at A-level and whether it's right for you.

Q: *I've never done History before at GCSE. Can I pick it up now?*

A: Absolutely. There is no requirement to take or have taken History at GCSE. We don't expect prior knowledge in any of our three History courses. And none of the local schools do a GCSE in Ancient History!

Q: *Will I be stretched to my full potential?*

A: Yes! You will find yourself working with our fantastic team of teachers and students. Your teachers are highly qualified and experienced as both teachers and examiners and know exactly what you need to do to succeed; we will support you all the way as you do this.

Q: *Can I do more than one History A-level?*

A: You could combine Ancient with one of the other two histories. This might suit someone already sure they want to pursue History after QMC. But obviously this does somewhat narrow your programme, so isn't recommended for those who

want to keep their options really open. You can't do BOTH Modern AND Medieval & Tudor History.

Q: *Do you offer any ancient languages?*

A: Yes! For those interested, we run an optional enrichment class in Latin for beginners.