# HISTORY

**Exam Board:** AQA
**Entry Requirements:** Students must achieve grade 6 or above in History and a grade 6 in English Language

## COURSE SUMMARY

History is highly academic and well sought after qualification. With A Level History universities understand that you have developed high levels of research skills, the competence to work independently and can analyse large amounts of text sources to deduce and infer conclusions.

## COURSE STRUCTURE

A level History students study three units over the two years;

### Unit 1: The Tudors 1485-1603

This is a breath study of the reigns of the five Tudor monarchs and makes up 40% of the A-Level. The study of events between 1485 and 1603 will allow students to evaluate and compare the nature, pace and extent of change in topics such as government, foreign policy and religion. Students will learn essay writing and interpretation analysis to prepare them for the 2.5h exam at the end of Year 13.

### Unit 2: The Cold War c.1945-1991

This is a breath study of the changing nature of superpower relations in the later 20th century, including the study of proxy wars, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the arms race and relations with China. Students will focus on source analysis as part of this module. This makes up 40% of the A-Level and is also assessed by a 2.5h exam at the end of Year 13.

### Unit 3: Non-Exam Assessment

This is an independently researched (4,500 word) essay that makes up 20% of students' overall grade. At Pimlico we focus this essay on Indian Independence. In this unit students complete a large scale independent research project during the Year 12 summer holidays (August) and are required to find, and read, up to 30 academic readings. This is a self-taught course so requires a significant time commitment. The final essay is due in January of Year 13. Students use their own research, alongside an analysis of three primary sources and two historical interpretations, to come to a judgement about the causes of Indian Independence in 1947. This is a demanding aspect of the course and requires a commitment to research and a love of writing.

## CAREER CHOICES

This course is useful for those students considering university degrees and careers in many areas, including;  banking and finance, public relations, researching, education and administration, any career which requires the analysis of information.