

A LEVEL

# HISTORY

## Course Summary



Bishop Challoner  
Catholic School

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** Grade 6 in GCSE History and English

### COURSE OVERVIEW

OCR A-level History explores pivotal events shaping Britain and the world. Topics include the Cold War's impact on Europe, the mid-Tudor period's challenges and Elizabeth I's influence, and Middle Eastern changes from 1908 to the Arab Spring. Coursework involves a 3,000–4,000–word investigation using historical sources.

### WHY SHOULD I STUDY HISTORY?

A-level History at Bishop Challoner offers a unique lens on how the past influences today, fostering critical thinking, structured argumentation, and the ability to analyse complex information. These skills are highly valued by top universities and employers, showcasing students' motivation and intellectual rigour.

### WHAT COURSES CAN THIS PREPARE ME FOR AT UNIVERSITY?

An A-Level in History prepares you for university courses such as History, Archaeology, Politics, International Relations, and Law, providing a solid foundation for both humanities and social science degrees.

### WHAT CAREERS CAN THIS SUBJECT SET ME UP FOR?

An A-Level in History can lead to careers in education, research, heritage management, journalism, and law. Roles include historian, archivist, museum curator, political analyst, and solicitor.

### COURSE SPECIFICATION

**EXAM BOARD:** OCR

Paper	Content	Duration	Weighting
1	Later Tudors 1547-1603 - 50 marks	90 mins	25%
2	Cold War in Europe - 30 marks	60 mins	15%
3	Middle East 1908-2011 - 80 marks	150 mins	40%
4	Topic based essay	n/a	20%