

RMGS HISTORY A Level (AQA)

What is the aim of the course?

To encourage students to develop knowledge and understanding of:

- German history from Unification under Bismarck to Reunification and the fall of the Berlin Wall
- The reign of Henry VIII and the reasons for, and consequences of, the split with Rome and the creation of the Church of England
- The changes to the Church of England during the reigns of Edward VI, Mary and Elizabeth I
- The history of the United States foreign policy from the Spanish American War to the recent Iraq/Gulf War

What does it involve?

The course consists of three components:

- Component 1 – Breadth Study: The Quest for Political Stability: Germany, 1871–1991
- Component 2 – Depth Study: Religious Conflict and the Church in England, c1529–c1570
- Component 3 - An investigation based on the history of the USA from c1890-2010

How is it assessed?

Linear A Level – Year 13

- Component 1 – Breadth Study: The Quest for Political Stability: Germany, 1871–1991. 2 hour 30 minutes written examination – 40% of the A Level result
- Component 2 – Depth Study: Religious Conflict and the Church in England, c1529–c1570. 2 hour 30 minutes written examination – 40% of the A Level result
- Component 3 – a school assessed assignment of approximately 3,500 words on 100 years of America's foreign policy. 20% of the A Level result

Are there any specific entry requirements?

Students must have a 6 or above in History and 6 in English Literature or an AS in Classical Civilization

Why is it a useful qualification?

- The course will give you insight into why individuals in the past made decisions that changed the shape of world history
- The course will provide important insights into key developments in the history of England in the 16th century and changes in the modern world during the late nineteenth and twentieth century. Such as the formation of the Church of England and the development of the Holocaust in Nazi Germany
- The subject helps provide the depth of study which universities now demand and links usefully with many other subjects including Classical Civilisation, Government and Politics, Economics, Sociology and Psychology.
- It allows students to develop written, research and analytical skills. The personal investigation you undertake will be very similar in style to an undergraduate university essay and will therefore prepare you well for future studies.