

Harrison Mills

When I was choosing subjects for A Levels, history and English language had always been a definite as they've always been the subjects that have caught my interest most. The English language surrounds us and when I was younger my mum would call me a "bookworm".

History has always fascinated me. I've always been interested in the Romans, Tudors etc and have been keen to find old objects whilst on outings.

In history and English language, what I've enjoyed most is the teaching. Everyone is entitled to their opinion and everyone is able to get involved. What makes it more enjoyable, is the fact that the lecturer is passionate. If he is interested and passionate, so is the rest of the class. There's always something new to learn and it isn't repetition, or teaching of general knowledge. There will always be a fact that no one knows or a topic people find out more about in so much more depth.

The teaching is amazing. Flawless, in fact. In terms of character, John is always passionate and ready to motivate the entire class to achieve. If someone feels they're struggling to understand, or maybe struggling to answer a question, John will be there to guide them to the right answer so that they gain their confidence. Also it's not only him that talks. Everyone is asked questions to get us all involved as we can all learn from each other, applying our knowledge but also seeing things how our peers do.

The learning resources are endless. Moodle is full of Powerpoints, videos, tasks and exam questions to help us when we are studying or if we need to look over something that maybe we didn't understand as much. There are workbooks to record our notes made in lectures and I believe it is so beneficial as all your work is kept together rather than being on stray A4 sheets which could easily be lost. It is clear he wants all his students to have A* with the 100% effort he puts in for us.

In terms of skills, my ability to analyse and evaluate has improved massively. There's always two sides of a coin and to be a good historian or writer you must display balance. Moreover, due to the amount of essays we've been given, my extended writing includes extensive vocabulary as well as punctuation to make my work go to the next level. This therefore is preparing me for higher education as well as my career in the future so that I am competent and impress employers with my ability to write.