History and English 2026

ADMISSIONS STATISTICS

HENG		Applicants	Shortlisted	Offers
Overall		143	60	13
Gender	Man	17	7	3
	Woman	124	52	9
	Use different term	0	0	0
	Prefer not to say	2	1	1
Domicile	UK	106	53	11
	EU	10	0	0
	Overseas	27	7	2
Average scores	Number 8/9/A* GCSE	-	8	9
	History written work	-	6.3	7.0
	English written work	6.5	7.4	7.3
	History interview	-	6.3	8.3
	English interview	-	6.5	7.8
Interviews	1st interviews	-	60	12
	2nd interview	-	4	1
Course change	Shortlisted for History	-	1	1
	Shortlisted for English	-	2	-
	2nd interview for History		7	1
	Offers for History (HENG interview)		-	6
	Offers for English (HENG interview)	-	-	2

SHORTLISTING PROCESS
History selection criteria:
- Enthusiasm for history
- Evidence of historical imagination and understanding, particularly the ability to speculate and compare
- The possession of appropriate historical knowledge and the capacity to deploy it
- Intellectual curiosity
- The capacity to engage with alternative perspectives and/or new information
- Capacity for hard work
- Accuracy and attention to detail

Weighting of selection scores:
80% cGCSE
20% English written work

Shortlisting procedure:
The Faculty produced a spreadsheet of candidates, ordered by selection score, with the threshold cut-off score indicated. The threshold is determined by the desired places to interview ratio of 3 : 1. Candidates below the cut-off are recommended for deselection (no interview) unless there are strong grounds for retaining particular candidates on the basis of:
- contextual data pertaining to school and/or socio-economic background

- relevant information from the UCAS forms, for example illness or difficult family circumstances.
- A-level and predicted A-level results (neither used in calculating the de-selection score).

College admissions tutors could 'rescue' candidates from below the cut off line, but all rescued candidates had to be approved by the HENG Admissions Co-ordinator, and interviewed by the rescuing college.

College admissions tutors could also decide to select candidates for an interview in History at this stage, and had to interview such candidates within their college.

After candidates are selected for interview, there is a redistribution process to even out candidates between colleges.

INTERVIEW PROCESS
Interviews:
All interviews were conducted over Microsoft Teams, with each candidate having interviews for History and English. After their interview, each candidate was given a score for each interview. History scoring is based on:
- Clarity of thought and expression
- Analytical ability
- Flexibility
- Enthusiasm and commitment
- Historical imagination
- Use of appropriate historical knowledge: candidates must demonstrate that they have understood well what they have studied, and demonstrate their ability to deploy historical evidence in support of an interpretation.

The Faculty ranks all candidates after all 1st interviews are complete, using the weighting below:
40% cGCSE
10% History written work
10% English written work
20% History interview
20% English interview

After the scores are available, college admissions tutors make a decision for each candidate:
Place for HENG
Place for History
Place for English
Recommend for 2nd interview
Reject

Allocation of second interviews:
High-scoring candidates who were not offered a place after the first interview were allocated a second interview at a college that had not filled all their places.

Procedure for decision making:
Further decisions are made by college admissions tutors after 2nd interview. When all decisions have been entered and the list of Open Offers to be made agreed, they are finalised by the Faculty.