A student perspective: History

Why did you choose this subject?

I enjoyed History GCSE and I am interested in studying History of Art at University. It was the subject I enjoyed the most at GCSE and it is a really highly regraded A Level subject for university application or for a job.

Give examples of what you have studied in this subject:

Luther and the German Reformation which includes studying about the 95 Theses, Lutheranism, anti-clericalism and the abuses of the church in Rome. Also, The Tudors which includes politics and religion at the times.

The Holy Roman Empire and Lutheranism in the 15th century. The Tudors. Witchcraft.

What do you enjoy most about studying this subject?

Looking at new topics which are different to what I studied at GCSE, for example, Lutheranism. It's just a very interesting subject and you always learn something new. Being able to analyse and evaluate different sources of information and piece this together.

What Advice to someone who is considering this subject:

If you choose History you need to enjoy reading and notetaking. You are expected to carry out a lot of background reading in your own time and write long essays which you need to thoroughly plan. Also start revising early on so you don't fall behind.

Make sure you make notes on what you have learned after each lesson as there's so much content involved. The earlier you start the better!

What subjects do you study alongside this one?

Fine Art and English Literature.

What are your plans Post-18?

Studying Fine Art or History of Art at University.