

HISTORY

Qualification: GCSE
Available to: All students
Awarding Body: Edexcel



POST 16 OPPORTUNITIES

The skills gained through studying History are applicable to many careers including politics, the civil service, teaching, law and journalism. History provides a fantastic opportunity to ignite and enlarge your passion and interests in culture, Society and politics. Studying History will help you develop into an independent learner, a critical

thinker and a decision maker. All of these personal assets will make you stand out as you progress to A-Level, university and/or the workplace. Students who study GCSE History often continue to study History at A-Level and take Government and Politics, English, Media and other humanities subjects alongside.

DETAIL

The course includes:

Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918-1945 – Weimar Republic and German politics, rise of Hitler and the Nazi Party, life in Nazi Germany.

Superpower Relations and the Cold War 1941-91 – Tensions between the Superpowers, Cuban Missile Crisis, Korean War, Collapse of the USSR.

Early Elizabethan England 1558-88 – Religious Settlement, plots and rebellions, exploration, life in Elizabethan England and Spanish Armada.

Medicine through Time – Medieval medicine, Renaissance medicine, medicine during the Industrial Revolution, 20th Century medicine, medicine on the Western Front 1914-1918, creation of the NHS and medicine in modern Britain.

SKILLS REQUIRED

Students who are successful in GCSE History need to enjoy studying History and be enthusiastic about investigating a wide range of different time periods. History students that achieve well have strong written communication and literacy skills. They also have a wide vocabulary that ensures that they have a good understanding of the historical sources that they read. Students will need to evaluate sources and infer from them based on their historical knowledge. The strongest students also have a good memory so that in their exams they are able to recall information about a range of events and deploy their extensive knowledge effectively.

ASSESSMENT

Paper 1 – Thematic Study and Historic Environment (52 marks, 30% of overall course)

Medicine in Britain, c1250–present and The British sector of the Western Front, 1914–18: injuries, treatment and the trenches.

Paper 2 – British Depth Study and Period Study (64 marks, 40% of overall course)

Early Elizabethan England, 1558-88 and Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941-91.

Paper 3 – Modern Depth Study (52 marks, 30% of overall course)

Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-39.

OVERVIEW

History is full of significant characters and events that continue to shape the world that we live in today. Throughout your GCSE History studies you will investigate and analyse a range of historical periods using both sources and interpretations. The GCSE will cover topics in depth and breadth.