



GCSE History

WHY STUDY HISTORY?

History is essential to understanding the state of the modern world, which is dynamic, interconnected and continually changing. History allows us to comprehend the present and our societies by exploring how it has been shaped politically, economically and socially by key events that have preceded us. History also develops our ability to think critically and analytically about how the past has been remembered and represented through existing evidence. So, if you enjoy investigating the past and debating issues that still influence current affairs, have a love for the subject and understanding the world you inhabit, GCSE History is the ideal option for you.

HOW ARE YOU ASSESSED?

The GCSE course is 100% exam based; there is no coursework. Four units are studied and tested across three papers that are undertaken at the end of Year 11.

Exam Board: Edexcel

Paper 1- Thematic Study and Historic Environment. Medicine in Britain, c1250-present and The British sector of the Western Front, 1914–18: injuries, treatment and the trenches.

1 hour and 20-minute written paper.

Paper 2- Period and British Depth Study. Henry VIII and his ministers, 1509–40 and Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941–91.

1 hour and 50-minute written paper.

Paper 3- Modern Depth Study. Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-39

1 hour and 30-minute written paper.

Across the GCSE course, students will have in-class assessments focused on specific question types, and end of unit mock examinations to develop students' written skills and help them to prepare for their examinations.

WHAT WILL YOU BE LEARNING AND HOW DOES IT LINK TO EXISTING KNOWLEDGE?

Medicine in Britain, c1250-present day.	Exploring how medical beliefs and practices changed over time including key medical discoveries and individuals e.g. Florence Nightingale.
Western Front	How medicine developed because of World War 1, including trench conditions, diseases, and treatment- e.g. plastic surgery.
Weimar and Nazi Germany	Investigating Germany after World War 1 and how it transformed from a democracy to dictatorship: including Hitler's rise to power and persecution of minorities.
Henry VIII and his ministers	How England developed during the reign of Henry VIII, and the influence of Wolsey and Cromwell including Henry's break from Rome and divorce from Catherine of Aragon.
Superpower relations and Cold War	Ideological conflict between USA and USSR (Soviet Union) and key events such as the invasion of Afghanistan; Berlin Wall and NATO.

WHAT SKILLS WILL YOU DEVELOP?

History develops a variety of transferable skills that are important in many other subjects and careers. As it develops your ability to debate and develop your judgements, critically analyse evidence and enhances your understanding of written English. As well as developing your knowledge of a subject you enjoy, along with your understanding of current affairs and the world you inhabit.

WHAT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES CAN HISTORY LEAD TO?

History can lead to a variety of career opportunities due to the transferable skills developed through its study. History students can enter fields such as law, law enforcement, archaeology, journalism, teaching, politics, museum and heritage work.

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Please speak to Miss Kaur (Learning Leader for History) or your history teacher for further details.