

History Examination Board: Edexcel

What is the course like?

The course investigates many different features of the past, ranging from the medieval to modern era. Our GCSE course was chosen by pupils and we are happy to present to you a course which fits 21st century skills, as well as something that pupils will enjoy learning about.

Many pupils enjoy GCSE history because of the varied and unusual nature of the course. It builds on the skills learned at Key Stage 3 but offers new opportunities to prepare for the real world. There are also a variety of learning experiences on offer, such as role plays, ICT, debates, and good old-fashioned reading!

History GCSE is for anyone who is naturally curious; anyone who has enjoyed the subject during Years 7 to 9; anyone who enjoys a challenge; and anyone who wants a qualification which is highly valued by a wide range of employers.

History GCSE equips pupils with the means to approach a variety of career paths, whether pupils choose to go into further education or not. Routes into careers ranging from law to journalism, and from the armed services to accountancy. Pupils will develop their literacy skills so that they can think for themselves, ask questions and make decisions. We also aim for pupils to get across their point of view effectively.

What is studied during the course?

The syllabus will offer a range of themes from four very different study modules:

1. British Thematic Study with Historic Environment – Medicine in Britain and Surgery on the battlefields of WW1
2. Period Study – British America 1713-83
3. British Depth Study – Anglo Saxons and Normans
4. Modern Depth Study – Weimar and Nazi Germany

How is the course assessed?

The grade is based on three exams:

Paper 1: Thematic study and historic environment, 1 hour 15 minutes, 30% of the final grade

Paper 2: Period study and British depth study, 1 hour 45 minutes, 40% of the final grade

Paper 3: Modern depth study, 1 hour 20 minutes, 30% of the final grade

Additional Information

We believe the GCSE course offers a challenging and stimulating approach to the study of history, along with the opportunity to gain a very valuable qualification.

For further information, please contact Mr Arkinstall.