

HISTORY

Type of Qualification: GCSE

How it is assessed: 100% Examination

Course Overview:

History GCSE is one of the subjects that can form part of a programme of study for the English Baccalaureate. Subject to timetabling restrictions, students can choose to study both History GCSE and Geography GCSE at Key Stage 4.

The course comprises of four sections that are tested in three examinations.

- **Unit 1:** Medicine in Britain 1250 – present and the British sector of the Western Front 1914 – 1918; injuries, treatments, and trenches. Students explore how our understanding of medicine has changed over time. This will involve understanding patterns of change, trends and turning points, such as significant events like the Black Death and Cholera outbreaks of the 19th century. Students explore the influence of factors inhibiting or encouraging change within periods and across the theme. Key factors are: individuals and institutions (Church and government); science and technology; and attitudes in society. The historic environment explores conditions on the western front through analysis of a variety of sources. Exam 1hr 15mins 30%.
- **Unit 2:** Anglo Saxon and Norman England, c1060 – 1088. Looks at the time leading up to the Norman invasion of 1066, how William secures his throne and establishes Norman rule across England.
- **Unit 3:** Super Power relations and the Cold War, 1941 – 1991. Investigates the origins of the Cold War and events that were significant until the end with the collapse of the Soviet Union. Unit 2 and 3 are combined into one exam 1hr 45mins 40%.
- **Unit 4:** Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918 – 1939. Explores the rise and fall of the Weimar Republic and how the Nazi party were able to assume control of Germany. Students then look at life in society whilst under the control of the dictatorship. Exam 1hr 20mins 30%.

Post 16 and Career opportunities:

History GCSE is excellent preparation for a number of humanities and social science courses in further and higher education. The skills gained through studying History are applicable to many careers including politics, the Civil Service, heritage sector, teaching, law and journalism. History provides a fantastic opportunity to ignite and engage 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, and other humanities subjects alongside it.

