

GCSE History

Examination Board: Edexcel

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Course Aims:

The History specification is designed to ensure a broad content covering the modern world and events that shaped the nation. It will help pupils to understand and analyse the causes of some of the major historical events and changes of the past. In addition, pupils will develop investigative and analytical skills and grow a greater appreciation of historical causation.

Residential — In Year 10, pupils may also be given the opportunity to visit a country of historical enrichment. Previous trips have been to Poland to experience the infamous Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz and Schindler's factory and, more recently, to Berlin where pupils visited Sachsenhausen concentration camp, the Berlin Wall and Checkpoint Charlie. This will help enrich their knowledge and understanding of History and support achievement through active learning.

Course Description:

- * **Paper 1: Thematic Study and Historical Environment Study**
Medicine Through Time
Assessment: 1 hour 15 minute exam contributing to 30% of overall mark.
- * **Paper 2: Period Study and British Depth Study**
Elizabethan England and The American West
Assessment: 1 hour 45 minute exam contributing to 40% of overall mark.
- * **Paper 3: Modern Depth Study**
The USA 1954-75
Assessment: 1 hour 20 minute exam contributing to 30% of overall mark.

How will I learn?

The lessons will have interesting content which will make use of thinking skills activities, paired and group work and development of historical knowledge. Pupils will learn how to construct extended answers and develop essay writing skills. The use of historical sources is another key skill that pupils will need to use, especially when studying the historic environment part of the course.

Possible Career Pathways:

An understanding of History is a desired qualification for anyone seeking to enter the academic professions such as Teaching, Law, Civil Service and Politics. It could also lead to careers in Archaeology, Researching and Publishing. The skills developed in History, such as presentation, communication and decision making, make it valuable for many future careers.