



HISTORY

What will you study during the course?

The GCSE history specification is broken into two distinct parts. The first section is based around 'Understanding the Modern World' and brings to life an in-depth understanding of America during the inter-war period as well as looking at the struggle for Civil Rights up to the 1970s. Alongside this the paper examines the failure of the peacemakers after World War One and the build up to World War Two during the period 1919-1939.

The second section is devoted to 'Shaping the nation' of Britain. It looks at a thematic study of medicine through time and the major advances in health that have taken place. This is combined with an in-depth investigation into Elizabethan England and in particular understanding the major political, social and international events that characterised the last 35 years of her reign. This second element also incorporates the study of a specific historical environment.

In this respect the GCSE history course offers a broad chronological understanding of the past, as well as providing students with a valuable insight into Britain and the wider world.

How will the course be taught?

The course is taught through a variety of teaching activities. Discussion work, project work, role play and media sources such as film clips from You Tube and DVD, support the more traditional approaches to the subject through source work and essay writing.

How will your work be assessed?

Paper 1

Written Examination: 1 hour 45 minutes (80 marks)

Section A – six compulsory questions

Section B – four compulsory questions

Paper 2

Written Examination: 1 hour 45 minutes (80 marks)

Section A – five compulsory questions

Section B – four compulsory questions

Additional marks are awarded for spelling, punctuation, grammar and specialist terminology.

Both units are completed at the end of Year 11.

Where can it lead?

History is recognised as one of the more highly regarded subjects for Colleges, Universities and beyond. Studying this subject gives you an insight into the past and an understanding of the current world in which we live. Students will gain essential background knowledge to today's current affairs as well as a broader understanding of how this nation's past has been forged.

Students are encouraged to become independent learners, producing ICT presentations and working in groups, whilst also being taught through a variety of activities.

Universities view History very favourably during the Admissions process. Employers value the study of History very highly. Careers related to History include: Finance; Law; Journalism; Police; Politics; Media; Public Relations; Advertising and Marketing.