

GCSE History

Exam Board: Edexcel

Aims:



A GCSE in History supports you in learning more about the history of Britain and that of the wider world. It should inspire you to deepen your understanding of the people, periods and events studied and enable you to think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments, make informed decisions and develop perspective and judgement. A knowledge and understanding of the past will also help you to understand your own identity and significant aspects of the world in which you live.

The main reason for choosing the subject should be because you enjoy it and are interested in pursuing it further. We hope you will have an interest in, and enthusiasm for, the past. We also hope to provide a sound basis for further study in a wide variety of curriculum areas, as well as at advanced level in the Sixth Form or for personal interest.

Course Content:

The Edexcel History GCSE includes:

Crime and Punishment in Britain, c1000-present: a study of a thousand years of Crime and Punishment in British History.

Whitechapel c1870-c1900: an in-depth study into crime and policing in inner city London, including the “Whitechapel murders” of 1888.

Anglo-Saxon and Norman England c1060-88: a study of Anglo-Saxon England and the changes brought by the Norman Conquest of 1066.

Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918-39: a study of Germany between the world wars looking at the rise of Nazi Germany and life under the Nazis.

Superpower relations and the Cold War 1941-91: a study of international relations (focused on the USSR and USA) after the Second World War.

Assessment:

The students will be assessed using three different exams (there is no coursework).

Paper 1 – 30% of GCSE - Crime and punishment in Britain, c1000–present **and** Whitechapel, c1870–c1900: crime, policing and the inner city (1 hour 20 minutes).

Paper 2 – 40% of GCSE - Anglo-Saxon and Norman England, c1060–88 **and** Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941–91 (1 hour 50 minutes).

Paper 3 – 30% of GCSE - Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918–39 (1 hour 30 minutes).

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