

Subject: History

Qualification: GCSE

Exam Board: Edexcel

Specification Code: 1H10



Who is the course for?



It is for anyone who is planning to follow a more academic pathway at KS4 and KS5 and who loves learning about the past. It is an interesting subject and the GCSE course gives students the opportunity to study a variety of topics, the majority of which they will not have studied before. In addition, History will help develop vital skills which are all highly valued by employers as well as by colleges and universities.

What will I learn?

- To use a wide range of skills including analysis, comprehension, argument, research and presentation.
- To use effectively a wide range of sources and types of databases.
- To understand key issues across time periods and examine the lives of individual
- To compare cultures, political issues, religious backgrounds and ethnicity in a historical context

How will I be assessed?



Paper 1 – Thematic study and Historic environment - Medicine in Britain, c1250 – present (Thematic Study) (Process of Change) *with* The British sector of the Western Front, 1914–18: injuries, treatment and the trenches (Historic environment) (worth 30%)
1 hour 20 minutes exam

Paper 2 – Period study and British Depth study — Early Elizabethan England, 1558–88 (British depth study) and The American West, c1835–c1895 (Period study) (worth 40%)
1 hour 50 minutes exam

Paper 3 – Modern depth study — Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918–39 (worth 30%)
1 hour 30 minute exam

All three examined units take place at the end of Year 11. Finally, 5% of the marks in the exam are given for correct use of SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar and subject specific terminology). SPaG marks are given as part of the marks on extended high mark essays. The exam will be graded according to the new 9-1 grading structure.

How can I progress with this qualification?

