

History

3 Written Exams



SUBJECT LEAD
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How will I be assessed?

Paper 1: Thematic study and historical environment

Medicine in Britain, c1250–present and The British Sector of the Western Front, 1914–18: injuries, treatment and the trenches

- Written examination: 1 hour and 15 minutes
- 30% of the qualification

Paper 2: Period study and British depth study

Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941–91, Anglo-Saxon and Norman England, c1060–88

- Written examination: 1 hour and 45 minutes
- 40% of the qualification

Paper 3: Modern depth study

Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918–39.

- Written examination: 1 hour and 20 minutes
- 30% of the qualification

Course Summary

GCSE History will help you understand how the world you live in was shaped, and make you consider today's society in a different way. History teaches us to ask two very important questions: why and how. This is key to sharpening your critical thinking abilities, which combine analysis, research, essay writing and communication skills to help you to solve problems and form arguments for debate. Historians look at all the available evidence and come to conclusions, a lot like a good detective, which helps them learn to be organised and manage information.

About the course

To do well in this subject, students will be expected to be focused inside and outside of the classroom and undertake independent research to develop their understanding. The department has a wide range of support and revision materials available to help access the course. In Year 9, students have had tasters of the content studied at GCSE and will have experienced exam questions that are used as part of this course. A variety of teaching techniques are used at GCSE, from traditional styles to role play and simulation. At present, the course starts with the Medicine unit, followed by Germany, Superpower Relations and finishing with the Anglo-Saxon Norman England unit.

Progression

After GCSE you can go on to study A-Level. This can lead to studying all sorts of subjects at University or History-based apprenticeships. E.g.

- Paralegal
- Heritage engineering technician

History is a facilitator subject so will open the door to many different careers. Students who study history are successful in career areas such as:

- Journalism
- Law
- Politics
- Archaeology
- Teaching