

GCSE : History

Course Description

Course Aim:

Students follow the Edexcel GCSE History B: Schools History specification. This is a new approach to GCSE History that builds on the skills developed at KS3.

Is this the right subject for me?

If you enjoy or are interested in:

- studying history through the eyes of people who lived through the period
- finding out about how people's lives have changed and how people in the past may have thought differently from us
- debating and understanding why there are sometimes different, but equally valid, points of view on the same subject then the GCSE History B: Schools History Project is the ideal subject for you.

You will always study history from four different angles, all of which are worth 25% of your final mark.

Unit 1 - In this unit you will learn about change and continuity over a long period of time through a Development Study of **Medicine through time**.

Unit 2 - In this unit you will learn about a period in history in much more detail with a Depth Study of life in **Nazi Germany**

Unit 3 - In this unit you will learn about how sources become evidence in history and how a real historian researches in a Source Enquiry into the **Transformation of Surgery**.

Unit 4 - In this unit you will learn about different views of history and how the past affects us today with a Representations of History controlled assessment on the **Vietnam War**.

Examination Information

Units 1, 2 and 3

Examination 1 hour and 15 minutes.

There will be a variety of questions in the examination papers. Your teacher can show you some examples to help you practice and succeed.

Examiners want you to do well and will be looking for comments to reward rather than looking to spot mistakes or gaps in your knowledge.

Unit 4

Controlled assessment

This is task based around an issue in history and will be written up in lesson times.



Skills

Understanding and solving problems

Reasoning and research skills

Debating and analysis

Critical Thinking

You will also develop an understanding of people and society

Teaching & Learning

Many of the methods are designed to enable students to develop the skills to undertake an historical enquiry independently.

As a lead department in the **Humanities Specialism**, the department prides itself on embracing innovation in teaching and learning and the use of new technologies to support student learning. The History department has 5 brand new classrooms, with full wireless coverage and a flexible work area where students have access to PC's during and after school. Students have access to "e textbooks" and the Historical Association Student Zone resources to support their learning at home.

The History department also runs a visit to the **WW1 Battlefields** sites of **France and Belgium** during the summer term. The visit has run for nine consecutive years.

Progression to Further Education

Students will be able to access 'History' at A-level in the Sixth Form, as well as providing a range of skills used in other advanced level studies.

Many of our students go onto student History at University level and History is 'facilitating A-Level' approved by the Russell Group of Universities.



For further information please see
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