



GCSE History

Edexcel exam board

Description

If students enjoy learning about how the events of the last 1000 years help explain the problems and opportunities of the world today then this GCSE is for them.

On this course students gain insight into why important figures in History did what they did, improve their ability to judge whether they are being told the truth, only part of the truth or something completely untrue and develop valuable skills such as reasoning and debating skills. History also has many transferable skills that are useful for other GCSEs.

Assessment :

This course is for students who enjoy looking at the world around them and the effects that humans have on it.

Paper 1: Thematic study and historic environment
Warfare and British society 1250 –present, London and Second World War.

Paper 2: Period study and British depth study
Superpower relations 1941-1991
Early Elizabethan England 1558–88.

Paper 3: Modern depth study
Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918–39

Assessment

All units are examined at the end of Year 11

Paper 1 : 1 hour 15 minutes	30% of the qualification
Paper 2 : 1 hour 45 minutes	40% of the qualification
Paper 3 : 1 hour 20 minutes	30% of the qualification

Progression

History is a very relevant subject. For example, many professions such as medicine and law feel that History opens the minds of students. Therefore, History can gain entry into a wide range of careers, including television, radio, journalism, the police force, social work and the civil service.

Field Visits

In History we think it is very important students see for themselves where important events took place. During their GCSE course they will have the opportunity to visit Berlin, which is relevant for their studies on Weimar and Nazi Germany.