

Year 9 Options Information Guide



GCSE History

History

By studying GCSE History, you will prove your ability to develop and extend your knowledge and understanding of specific key events, eras and societies in national and world history. You will become a successful independent learner and a critical and reflective thinker. You will know which questions are relevant to give you the information you need. Taking on investigations with impartiality, analysing them in detail to draw a conclusion, by using a range of sources in their context, you will be aware of the reasons people, events and developments have historical significance. Plus, how and why this can result in different interpretations of them. Finally, you will be able to confidently structure and communicate your knowledge and understanding of concepts to reach substantiated conclusions and help others see your rationale.

Subject Specific Skills:

- Analytical and Critical Reasoning
- Investigative and research
- Literacy and communication
- Inference
- Questioning

Transferable Skills:

- Confidence building
- Reasoning and explanation
- Communication
- Employability
- Life Skills
- Teamwork
- Culture Capital



'History is who we are and why we are the way we are'.

Awarding Body: Edexcel

History GCSE Specific Unit Content:

Paper 1: A breadth study of crime and punishment through time. Students will look at how the nature of crime, the purpose of punishment and the organisation of law enforcement have changed from 1066 up to the present day. They will analyse factors behind such changes. For example, the impact of religion, the role of the media on changing attitudes and latterly, the development of technology and science.

Paper 2: The Cold War and The Anglo Saxons and Normans. The Cold War (1941-1991) will look at the developing tensions between the USA and the USSR, analysing key areas of influences over post war Europe, the growing nuclear threat and superpower tension around the world. For example, Cuba. The Anglo Saxon and Normans topic will focus on the Norman conquest of Britain and its impact on English government and society.

Paper 3: German 1919 – 1939. This course will focus on the collapse of the Weimar Republic and the rise of Adolf Hitler and the Nazis. Students will investigate how terror and propaganda were used to maintain a Nazi dictatorship, and what life was like for different groups of people under Nazi rule.

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Progression Opportunities:

An essential qualification for progressing to any platform be it vocational, technical, A Levels, T-Levels or workplace Apprenticeships.

Potential Careers from the study of History:

Archaeologist

Museum/gallery curator

Teaching and Education

Conservation Officer

Archivist

Politician

Media and Journalism

Law

Advertising and Public Relations

Genealogist



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