

HISTORY

GCSE



Examination Board: AQA
Subject Leader(s): Mr P Roberts



Course Structure

Unit	Topics/Unit Title	Assessment	Weighting(%)
1	Germany (1890-1945) Why did a modern, democratic, educated, industrialised country choose to elect someone like Hitler in 1932? This is the story of how Germany developed a dictatorship, then a democracy and returned to another dictatorship within 50 years.	Exam (Paper 1)	25%
2	The Cold War in Asia (1945-1975) After 2 World Wars, why was there nearly a third between 1945-75? What is Communism and Capitalism and why would these two ideas divide the World? Nuclear Bombs, the Vietnam War and Flower Power; this period is a heady mix of Conflict and Rock n' Roll.	Exam (Paper 1)	25%
3	Health & The People (c.1000 – Modern Day) The story of public health and disease across Europe from Medieval to Modern Day. From pustules, to buboes, to sewers and the creation of the NHS; this is a 1000 year story of human kind and its most dangerous enemy.	Exam (Paper 2)	25%
4	Elizabethan England (1568 – 1603) An in depth study into arguably England's greatest ever monarch. Religious Chaos, The Spanish Armada, and the Golden Age of Elizabethan England. All that and a study of an Elizabethan House.	Exam (Paper 2)	25%

What does the course involve?

Studying GCSE History will help you to understand the modern world around us and the events that shaped the 21st century. It helps you understand the greater story of humanity across thousands of years and the people, events and circumstances that made it so fascinating.

It is a subject about human beings. From their peak of intellectual curiosity and the marvels of science & medicine that exist today, to the darkest horrors of the human psyche and the Holocaust. GCSE History takes you on a global, European and local study of the World around you and the past that we all share.

Further Study/Employment Prospects

Why do Employers and Universities love History students?

History provides students with the foundation of knowledge from which they can make sense of their present and plan for their future. This is one of the most respected subjects that you can study at any level and one that impresses employers and universities alike.

Future career links: Law, Advertising, Communications & Media, Politics, Human Relations, Marketing, anything that requires a good analytical mind and communication skills.

Skills you will develop

History students can demonstrate the ability to provide developed arguments that analyse and evaluate. Equally they can interpret and judge evidence and research independently. Most importantly, they show they understand people and can make sense of the World around them.