

GCSE History

This academic and rewarding course aims to encourage young learners to analyse and evaluate Historical events and individuals. The course is recognised as being one of the most challenging GCSE subjects and is highly regarded by colleges, universities and employers.

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Do I need to have certain qualities/skills to do this subject?

By following the specification, learners aim to achieve a number of key objectives:

- To develop their interest in and enthusiasm for history and an understanding of its intrinsic value and significance.
- To acquire an understanding of different identities, including their own, within a society and an appreciation of social, cultural, religious and ethnic diversity.
- To build on their understanding of the past and the diversity of human experience through experiencing a broad and balanced course of study.
- To improve as effective, independent and resilient learners and as critical and reflective thinkers through a process of historical enquiry.

What will I learn?

The WJEC Eduqas History qualification consists of four written papers, with a requirement to study a historical site as part of the Thematic Study. Topics covered are as followed:

America in Contrast, 1910-1929

- Causes of the Wall Street Crash
- Prohibition and gangsters
- The KKK and racism
- The roaring 20's

The Reign of Elizabeth I

- Lifestyles and fashion of the rich and poor in Tudor England
- Tudor society
- The Spanish Armada
- The treat from Mary Queen of Scots
- Religious and political issues

Entertainment and Leisure in Britain, c.500-present day

- Development of entertainment from medieval times to the present day
- Development in sports and leisure from medieval times to the present day

The Development of Germany, 1919-1991

- Hitler's rise to power
- WWII
- The division of Germany
- The Cold War
- The fall of the Berlin Wall

Students will have the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities. At GCSE, students have visited Auschwitz Concentration Camp in Poland, London, and the WWI Battlefields in France and Belgium.

Does this lead to a qualification?

Yes, this is a single GCSE qualification accredited by the Examination Board WJEC Eduqas.

How is this qualification assessed?

Four examinations with grades 9-1 awarded.

Further information available from: Mrs Lomax, Mrs Dawber, Mr Cook, Mr McAuley and Miss Grimes.



What can I do with this qualification?

Further studies at Sixth Form: AS & A2 Level History, International Baccalaureate.

Careers: With their analytical, writing, debate and detective skills, students will be primed for a huge choice of careers in law, politics, public sector, business, marketing, journalism, economics, teaching, academia, insurance, social research, archaeology and curation (museums, galleries, archives and libraries).