

History GCSE

What do you study?

History is an enjoyable and accessible academic subject. As such, it offers students the opportunity to succeed in a subject that is favoured by many employers and institutions of higher education. The content of the course is varied focusing on key internal conflicts, events and developments in History. The exam will consist of two papers. Topics will include: Germany 1890-1945 the study of democracy of dictatorship; conflict and tension focused on the inter-war period 1918-1939; Britain Health and the people c.1000- present day and Elizabethan England c. 1568-1603.

Significant differences from KS3?

There is a natural progression in terms of skills and knowledge in History from KS3 to KS4. Students will still continue to take part in a variety of learning activities such as group work, debates and role play, whilst building on key literacy and essay writing skills.

Why Study History?

History develops skills such as researching information, discussing ideas, analysing a problem and writing reports. People mastering these skills have a wide choice of careers to select from such as the civil service, insurance, accountancy, marketing, journalism, teaching, law, banking and many more!

How is the course assessed?

Paper One - 10 Questions - 1 hour 45 mins- 50%

Section A - Focuses on two key developments in a country's history over at least a 50 year period. Germany 1890-1945.

Section B – Focuses on international conflict and tension 1918-1939.

Paper Two - 8 Questions - 1 hour 45 minutes - 50%

Section A – A thematic study based on Britain health and the people c.1000- today.

Section B - British depth study including the study of a historic environment based upon Elizabethan England c.1568-1603.

Each paper will include extended answer and source questions.

Exam board link:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/history>