

History

Why study GCSE History?

GCSE History provides students with the opportunity to develop and extend their knowledge and understanding of key events in British and wider world history. Studying History encourages learners to engage in historical enquiry to develop as independent learners and as critical and reflective thinkers. Students will develop an awareness of why people, events and developments have been accorded historical significance and how and why different interpretations have been constructed about them. A GCSE qualification in History is extremely well respected by Sixth Form Colleges and Universities. It also has a huge range of transferable skills which employers' value immensely in industries, such as Law, Journalism, Education, Professional Services and Corporate Business.

Course Overview

The GCSE History course offers students the chance to learn about a wide range of historical periods that have helped define the world as it is today. The course focuses on both British and World History through the completion of four units:

- **Thematic Study:** Medicine Through Time. This covers a long period of time from 1250-present day and assesses change and continuity across different aspects of treatment, care and prevention of illness.
- **British Depth Study:** Early Elizabethan England. This covers a short period of time from 1558-1588 and requires understanding of society, people and events in detail.
- **Modern Depth Study:** Weimar and Nazi Germany. This also covers a short period of time from 1918-1939 and involves understanding and using sources and interpretations of history on different aspects of German society.
- **Period Study:** Superpower Relations and the Cold War. This covers a specific period of 50 years from 1941-1991 and analyses the importance and significance of the events of the Cold War.

All of the exams challenge higher order historical skills such as analysis and evaluation throughout the papers.

The GCSE History qualification is made up of 3 examined units:

Paper	Title	Exam
1	Medicine Through Time	1 hour and 15 minutes
2	Early Elizabethan England Superpower Relations and the Cold war	1 hour and 45 minutes
3	Weimar and Nazi Germany	1 hour and 20 minutes

Further Information

If you would like further information on GCSE History or have any questions, please speak to your History teacher or Mr Masalovich / Miss Long (Subject Leads for History).