

# GCSE History



## Why choose a GCSE in History:

**“Study history, study history! In history lie all the secrets to life and leadership.”**

(Winston Churchill).

History first and foremost teaches you to think about the modern world – why is it the way it is? History is one of the most well-regarded academic subjects, as well as being one of the most enjoyable due to the range of subjects studied and the depth of learning that takes place each lesson.

## What will I study?

You will be studying the AQA GCSE History syllabus. In this syllabus, you will begin to understand how historical events have shaped the modern world. Through the GCSE you will study:

- Germany 1890-1945, Democracy and Dictatorship
- World War I 1894-1918
- Health and the People c.1000 – the Present Day
- Norman England c.1066-1100

## Who would this course suit?

History is about stories. If you like them you will like history. History is an academic subject, and as such we would advise Y9 students with good literacy skills who have an interest in the past to continue their study of the subject. Students will be able to engage with key issues such as conflict and tension, and understand what drives change and how the past influences the present.

## How will I learn?

We debate and we argue all the time. That is what makes a good historian. We challenge the conventional. We question the accepted view. We look for the evidence behind every statement. We question the supposed truth, in search of the truth.

We use a range of activities and teaching styles, primarily through historical investigations. We make a lot of use of film and archive material, including original documents, images and cartoons from the eras studied.

We make use of group work and role-plays to explore some of the key events and debates. We have access to a range of academic and university texts to help develop your expertise.

### **How will my work be assessed?**

You will be assessed routinely throughout your GCSE through written essays, class discussion and debates to check your understanding and to assess your progress. This is an exam based course, and at the end of the GCSE there are 2 formal exams. Both papers are 2 hours long.

| <b><u>Unit</u></b>                               | <b><u>Topic</u></b>                                      | <b><u>When</u></b> |
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| <b>1. <u>Understanding the Modern World:</u></b> |  |                    |
|  | Germany 1890-1945: Democracy and Dictatorship            | June 2023          |
|  | Conflict and tension: The First World War, 1894–1918     |                    |
| <b>2. <u>Shaping the Nation:</u></b>             |  |                    |
|  | Britain: Health and the people: c1000 to the present day | June 2023          |
|  | Norman England, c1066–c1100                              |                    |

### **How can I use this course after Year 11/in the future?**

The training and skills developed throughout the course are so highly regarded that the greatest variety of occupations are found by History students. You can choose to do absolutely anything! There is no other subject which prepares you for any career better than history! Journalists, politicians, lawyers and many others have studied the subject. Throughout the course we debate, judge and evaluate the past using our knowledge of the world as we know it. Those with an interest in the subject will find a course that continue their passion. This is a subject with transferrable skills that can be continued into A Level in our sixth form.

**If I want to know more I should ask.....**

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