

History

This is a GCSE course with grades from 1-9. It is an exciting qualification which supports students in gaining the English Baccalaureate. In Year 10, students will be taught the skills and background knowledge to enable them to be successful in the GCSE examinations. They will start the course with Medicine Through Time.

History is part of the English Baccalaureate measure recognised by the Government. This demonstrates the importance placed on the skills and knowledge taught in the subject. Employers and Universities hold the subject in high regard and often look for the qualification specifically. There are many exciting career paths that History can lead into including law, journalism, writing, education and museums/galleries. Students are now examined on a broader range of time periods since 2018. There is also a greater emphasis on British History in the specifications. Site analysis is now included in all the examination courses, giving a greater depth of experience.

Planning for these changes offers departments and teachers the opportunity to reflect on the skills we expect students to have in History at the end of the Key Stage 3. GCSE specifications in history should support students in learning more about the history of Britain and that of the wider world. The study of history at GCSE should inspire students to deepen their understanding of the people, periods and events studied and enable them to think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments, make informed decisions and develop perspective and judgement. This, in turn, will prepare them for a role as informed, thoughtful and active citizens. The discipline of history and a knowledge and understanding of the past will also help them to understand their own identity and significant aspects of the world in which they live, and provide them with the basis for further wider learning and study.

Our curriculum at KS4 is as follows:

Year 10
Medicine in Britain 1250-present and the British sector of the Western front: surgery and treatment American West 1835 - 1895
Year 11
Early Elizabethan England 1558 – 1588 Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918 – 1939

