

COURSE GUIDE - HISTORY

WHAT IS HISTORY?

History GCSE offers students the opportunity to study historical sources and interpret their meaning alongside significant events in world and British history.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

- Thematic study (a study over time) - Medicine in Britain c.1250 to present (20%) - Including a study of the British sector of the Western Front: injuries, treatment and the trenches (10%)
- Period study - Superpower relations and the American West, c1835–c1895 (20%)
- British depth study - Henry VIII and his ministers, 1509–40 (20%)
- Modern Depth Study - Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918 – 39 (30%)

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

This subject has 3 exams at the end of Year 11. There is no coursework or controlled assessment.

Paper 1: 1 hour and 15 minutes (52 marks)

Paper 2: 1 hour and 45 minutes (64 marks)

Paper 3: 1 hour and 20 minutes (52 marks)

These exams include short answer and extended writing questions.

HOW CAN I PROGRESS?

History uses skills such as description, evaluation and analysis. To progress in this subject, you need to understand a range of key vocabulary and be able to both explain and evaluate events in the past. Following this you need to make a judgement on their significance. You will also need to use sources skills such as inference to analyse a range of sources in order to evaluate their usefulness.

FURTHER INFORMATION

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/history-2016.html>

http://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/History/2016/specification-and-sample-assessments/9781446925867_GCSE2016_L12_History_Web.pdf

