

GCSE History

Course code: Edexcel History 1HI0 – F7

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Why do you learn History?

Fascination

The past is an incredible place, both strange and strangely familiar. GCSE historians can explore the fascinating lives of people who came before them, understanding their actions, hopes and fears.

Understanding the world

Traces of the past are everywhere around us: in the way we live our lives, speak our languages, and organise our societies. We continue to live with the results of the actions of those who came before us. Studying the past is therefore vital for understanding the world we live in today.

Transferable skills

Students of GCSE History learn how to analyse information, make judgements, and form their own written and spoken arguments. In a world increasingly shaped by social media and dominated by 'fake news', it has never been more important for young people to learn how to handle information and evidence critically.

What will you study?

- A study of development in Britain over time, tracing the history of medicine and health in Britain from c1250 to the present day.
- A British depth study focused on religion, politics, war and society in early Elizabethan England.
- A study of the historic environment in which students will investigate surgery on the Western Front during the First World War.
- A period study focused on superpower relations and the Cold War between the USA and the USSR **in the years 1941-1991**.
- A world depth study looking at the failure of democracy in Germany after the First World War **in the period 1919-1939** and including the rise of the Nazis and the development of the Nazi state.

Assessment

There will be three exams at the end of Year 11:

Paper 1 (30%) Medicine in Britain, c1250-present and the British sector of the Western Front

Paper 2 (40%) Early Elizabethan England, 1558-88 and the Cold War 1941-91

Paper 3 (30%) Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-39

Career paths

GCSE History is a respected academic course which is valued by universities and employers. As a flexible subject which equips students with highly prized research skills,

History is particularly useful for entry into careers in law, business, media, retail, finance, diplomacy, human resources, and marketing.

