

HISTORY

COURSE DETAILS

Exam Board: Edexcel

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

History is a fascinating subject which equips students with many skills which enable them to progress to areas of work such as law, teaching, journalism, the business world and ICT based jobs. It is also highly regarded as an academic subject in areas such as medicine and nursing. It also provides an excellent basis for opportunities in many areas of further education. Demonstrating success in History shows that students have the ability to think logically and independently, analyse and evaluate information and communicate ideas. These are skills which are vital in a modern economy and society where information handling is a key requirement in the work place. It also helps them to make sense of the world around them and to see the relevance of History in the world today.

This is a linear course. Candidates will sit the Unit 1, Unit 2 and Unit 3 exam papers at the end of Year 11. There is no Non-Exam Assessment. The papers and topics are as follows;

Paper 1: British Thematic Study with Historic Environment

Medicine in Britain from 1250 to the present day. This topic features a study of the Historic Environment, which is the British sector of the Western Front during World War I; injuries treatment and the trenches. It is also a study of how ideas disease and surgery changed over time.

The exam is 1 hour 15 minutes and is worth 30% of the final mark.

Paper 2: Period Study and British Depth Study

The Period Study will be Superpower Relations and the Cold War 1941 – 1991. This is a study of the relationship between the USA and the USSR in the post war period.

The British Depth Study is Anglo Saxon and Norman England 1060 – 1080. This is a study of the life in medieval England and the events and impact of the Norman Conquest.

The exam is 1 hour 45 minutes and is worth 40% of the final mark.

Paper 3: Modern World Depth Study

This will be Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918 – 39. This is a study of Germany in the years after World War I, the rise of the Nazis and life in Nazi Germany on the run up to World War II.

The exam is 1 hour 20 minutes and is worth 30% of the final mark.

SETTING ARRANGEMENTS

Students are taught in mixed ability settings. Topics are delivered through a variety of learning styles including discussion, research, films, clips, sources and some ICT. Please note that all History GCSE candidates sit the same end of Year 11 exam papers.

HOMEWORK POLICY

Students are expected to complete one piece of homework per week. This is generally to revise whatever has been learned in lessons during the prior fortnight and produce a piece of work for their books. Revision guides will be provided to assist with homework.

OTHER DETAILS

This year, we have launched the first international school trip to Belgium for History students. This will offer students a chance to see and explore key sites that they have been studied in Key Stage 3 and also as part of the WWI study at GCSE. Students will visit key battle sites, places of memorial and museums that will enrich their understanding of the impact of WWI. It is also an opportunity to sample the culture of France and Belgium for a few days in the summer months. This trip is offered exclusively to History students in the first instance.

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