

HISTORY

Year 7,8,9 Curriculum

What does this course involve at Years 7,8,9?

History at Years 7,8,9 involves developing historical skills and processes such as evidential understanding, change and consequence, significance, similarities and differences as well as cause and consequence. We teach this through a variety of historical enquiries.

What do you need to be successful in this course?

To be successful a student needs to demonstrate detailed knowledge of periods studied in depth, as well as a wider knowledge of patterns over time. This should be secured within a chronological framework that encompasses local, British and World History. Students should be able to make links between periods when demonstrating historical skills.

Year 7

Term 1: What is History?

- What is History?
- What Historical skills do Historians need?
- The Roman Empire in Britain

Term 2: Norman Conquest and Medieval Life

- Who claimed the English throne in 1066?
- How did William the Conqueror win the Battle of Hastings?
- How did the Normans change England?
- Life during the Medieval period.
- What is the Magna Carta?
- What was the Black Death?

Term 3: The Tudors and Early Modern Europe

- Why is the outcome of the Wars of the Roses important?
- How did Henry's desire for a son change England?
- What was the impact of the dissolution of the monasteries?
- How did Edward change the churches of England?
- Mary 1st a murderer or a sad story?
- What are the problems that Elizabeth faced at home and abroad?
- What was the role of women in Early Modern society?
- What were the impacts of globalisation on society during the period?
- What social and cultural changes took place in Early Modern Europe?
- How did these changes affect people in their day-to-day lives?

Year 8

Term 1: The Stuarts & Witchcraft and The Ages of Exploration

- Why did James I succeed Elizabeth I?
- Who were the Stuart monarchs?
- Why was Charles I beheaded?
- Was Columbus the first to 'discover' America?
- How has the world been explored through the ages?
- Why do we explore space today?

Term 2: Victorians and the Suffragettes.

- How did towns and cities change in Victorian Britain?
- What was crime like in Victorian England?
- What was the Industrial Revolution? What impact did these have?
- What was the suffragette movement?
- What impact on the modern world did the movement have?

Term 3: World War One

- What was the main cause of WW1?
- How were men selected for service? What roles did they have?
- Were the trenches that bad?
- What medical care was available in the trenches?
- How did medical care develop during this period?
- How did people fight on the home front?
- Why did Germany give up in WW1?
- How important was the USA in ending the First World War?
- Why were Germans unhappy with the Treaty of Versailles?
- What did the Treaty of Versailles lead to?
- How did this lead to the rise of the Nazi Party in Germany?

Year 9

Term 1: World War Two

- What were the causes of World War Two?
- What role did the Empire and Commonwealth have in World War II?
- How did Britain prepare to protect citizens on the Home Front?
- What caused Germany's defeat?
- Why did America use nuclear weapons to defeat Japan?
- What legacy did World War II have on Britain and the wider world?

Term 2: The Holocaust

- How did persecution develop in Nazi Germany?
- What was life like living in Nazi occupied Europe?
- Was there any resistance against the Nazis?
- What legacy was left by the Holocaust?
- Comparison between the Holocaust and other genocides.

Term 3: American Civil Rights and Recent History

- What racial and social issues were there in the USA during the 1950s?
- Segregation.
- Key activists and Civil Rights leaders: MLK, Rosa Parks, Malcolm X, Truman.
- Civil Rights Laws.
- Why is there a climate crisis?
- How is 9/11 remembered?
- What is the Black Lives Matter movement?
- How does Brexit affect us?
- Why did Russia invade Ukraine?

Years
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Qualification Name:

Edexcel GCSE (9 – 1) History

During the course you will study:

History GCSE takes a more in-depth look at some of the topics you have been looking at in in KS3 and provides students with the opportunity to examine interesting and important historical people, places and events, within the UK and globally. In Year 10, students will study the following topics:

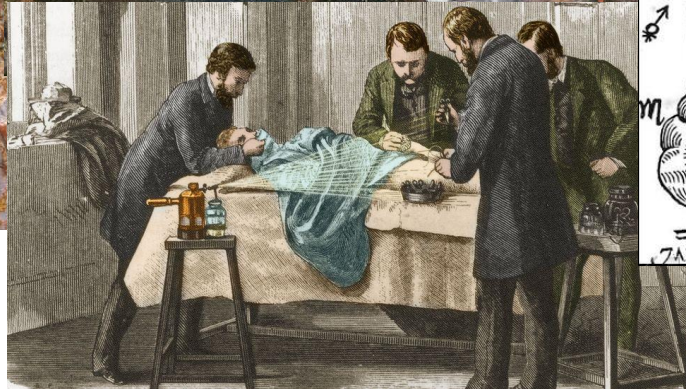
- British Thematic Study: Medicine in Britain, c.1250 to present day with The British Sector of the Western Front, 1914 - 18: surgery and treatment
- Depth Study: Early Elizabethan England 1558-88

How you will be assessed?

There are three exams based on the content learned in Years 10-11 which assess students’ historical knowledge as well as their ability to explain, interpret, and draw conclusions from different historical events and sources.

- Paper 1: Thematic study and historic environment is worth 30% (unit 1)
- Paper 2: Period study and British depth study is worth 40% (unit 2 and 3)
- Paper 3: Modern depth study is worth 30% (unit 4)

Throughout the year, students will sit AP1 and AP2 (written by subject staff based on content and exam skills covered in lessons), before sitting Mock Exams towards the end of the year.



Year 10 and Y11 Curriculum

Year
11

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During the course you will study:

In Year 11, students will continue to study more in-depth topics and continue building on their examination skills in preparation for their GCSE's. In Year 11 you will study the following:

- Period Study: Superpower Relations and the Cold War 1941-91
- Modern Depth Study: Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918 – 39

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