

## What are the aims of this course?

The Edexcel History GCSE aims to engage students with a broad and diverse study of the History of Britain and the wider world and give them skills that will support progression to further study of History and a wide range of other subjects.

## What will I learn?

Students will develop an understanding of a diverse range of aspects of history including British and non-British depth studies as well as period studies that provide an unfolding narrative of change over time. Students will deepen the skillset that they have begun to acquire in Years 8 and 9, so that they can competently explain the causes and consequences of events; engage in source analysis in order to develop inferences and evaluate source utility and compare and evaluate interpretations of the past.

## Progression and Career Opportunities

Related college courses include A-Levels in History, Law, Politics and Social Sciences.

Based on the analytical, evaluative and communicative skills which students of History develop through the study of the subject, employment opportunities may be found in the following sectors; industry and commerce, law and accountancy, publishing and academia and education.

## Course Outline

| Unit Titles                             | Content   | % Unit is Worth |
|---|---|-----------------|
| Thematic study and historic environment | Medicine in Britain c.1250-present and The British sector of the Western Front: injuries, treatment and the trenches. | 30%             |
| Period study and British depth study    | Period study to be confirmed<br>Early Elizabethan England, 1558-88.   | 40%             |
| Modern depth study                      | Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-39.   | 30%             |

## Further Information

The methods of assessment in GCSE History are very rigorous and demand a very high level of literacy and knowledge retention. Examinations feature a range of extended answer questions which require an ability to write coherently, extensively and at speed. An enjoyment of the subject, whilst admirable, is simply not enough to guarantee success in this challenging GCSE. Therefore students are strongly advised to seek and follow the advice of their current History teacher who will be able to offer honest advice about whether GCSE History is a suitable choice.

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