History (GCSE)

Information from the exam board can be found here.

Grades awarded: 9 – 1

Why study this subject?

An understanding of how the development of modern Britain and our part in the 21st century world has been shaped by the events of the past is vital in helping young people to become the leading citizens of the future. Through debate and discussion, analysis and evaluation, interpretation and explanation, history students are able to develop transferable skills that will serve them well in their future academic and professional employment careers.

What will I study in this course?

- Period Study: America: Inequality and Opportunity (1920-1973)
- Wider World Depth Study: The Cold War (1945-1972)
- Thematic Study: Britain: Migration, Empires and the People (790 – present day)
- British Depth Study: Norman England (1066-1100)
- Source and interpretation analysis and evaluation
- Extended writing skills

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed by 2 examinations at the end of the course:

- Paper 1: Understanding the Modern World (50%): Period Study and Wider World Depth Study. (2 parts)
- Paper 2 Shaping the Nation (50%): Thematic Study and British Depth Study. (2 parts)

Both papers will test your knowledge and understanding; as well as your analysis and evaluation skills.

What will this qualification lead to?

Studying GCSE History will open the doors to study subjects such as History, Politics, Law or Sociology at A level. The development of effective communication skills to present both written and verbal arguments, as well as analytical and investigative skills are invaluable in future career paths such as journalism, law, business, marketing or even politics. The current President of the United States of America and Prime Minister of the United Kingdom are both History graduates!

How is the course structured?

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 9	*Students continue to study the Key Stage 3 History curriculum. In the summer term we begin our GCSE preparations by studying the origins of the Cold War.*		
Year 10	Cold War 1945-1972	USA 1920 -73 Inequality and opportunity Britain: Health and the People	Migration, Empire and the People
Year 11	Migration, Empires and the People/ Norman England 1066-1100	Norman England / Revision	Revision & Examinations

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