

HISTORY GCSE

INTRODUCTION

We offer a GCSE course in Modern World History. Whilst building on work done in Year 9, it also helps students to understand the world we live in today. Much emphasis is placed on written work and there is a very high degree of reading and essay writing involved; students will need to have strong literacy skills to succeed.

History is a very demanding, yet interesting and enjoyable course, and it provides a sound basis for further study at A-Level. It is also a good foundation for entry into many careers.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The content of the course includes issues such as:-

- Crime and Punishment from 1000AD to 2000AD
- Whitechapel from 1870-1900



Certain time periods are also studied in depth, in particular:-

- The Elizabethan Age
- Germany, 1918-1939
- The Cold War 1941-1991

Over the two years of study students will develop a range of skills which are important in the world of work, as well as the world of education. These include:

- being able to learn factual details, to select information from several sources and present it clearly in writing
- being able to explain how and why things have changed
- being able to use a number of different sources to draw conclusions
- writing lengthy written essays and major assignments

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Due to the literacy requirement and to allow full access to the course, students are advised to only apply if they have an aptitude for English and are achieving at least grade 4 in English.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

The course is assessed by means of three examination papers.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

Careers such as law, journalism, marketing and others all rely on the skills you acquire through the study of History. GCSE History equips you with transferrable skills to aid you in a range of subjects offered at post-16.

GCSE History is one of the EBacc group of options.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact Mr Margetts, Head of History, if you would like any further information.