

Edexcel GCSE History



Why should I study GCSE History?



History is continuously changing the world around us and historic events have helped to shape our society.

Learning about past events and the people who've influenced history will allow you to understand how the world got to the point it is at now and how it will continue to develop in the future.

History is a GCSE subject that is highly regarded amongst colleges, universities and employers.

What will I study?



GCSE History is studied in three units:

Unit 1 – Thematic study. Crime and Punishment in Britain C1000- present day. This unit is a study in development, investigating Crime and Punishment in Britain, including Whitechapel c1870-c1900: Crime, policing and the inner city

Unit 2 – Period Study and British Depth Study This unit will investigate the British Depth study of Anglo-Saxon and Norman England, c1060-1088; and the period study of The American West c1835-c1895

Unit 3 – Modern Depth Study: Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918 - 1939 This unit is a study in depth. This unit develops understanding of life in Germany between the wars, the rise to power of the Nazis and the political, social, economic, cultural and religious impact of this regime.

How will I be assessed?



GCSE History is assessed in three exams at the end of the course.

- Unit 1: examination lasting 1 hour and 15 minutes. Worth 30% of final grade.
- Unit 2: examination lasting 1 hour and 45 minutes. Worth 40% of final grade.
- Unit 3: examination lasting 1 hour and 20 minutes. Worth 30% of final grade.

Which skills will I develop and use?



This course will help you to develop the following skills:

- Selecting and organising information.
- Preparing and presenting arguments.
- Analysing and synthesizing information and different points of view.
- Evaluating sources of information and interpretations.
- Applying knowledge and understanding.

How will I be able to use this subject in my future career?



The skills acquired through the study of History at GCSE are useful to students wishing to study a variety of subjects post 16, in particular history, law, politics, sociology, English and media.

History is very useful for the world of work. Its study helps create the skills needed by: Solicitors & Barristers; Politicians; Business men & women; TV presenters; Police officers; Comedians; Computer game designers; Teachers. In fact, the skills you develop while studying History can be used in ANY occupation.