

HISTORY

Type of Qualification: GCSE (Edexcel)

How it is assessed: 100% Examination

Course Overview:

History GCSE is one of the subjects that can form part of a programme of study for the English Baccalaureate. Subject to timetabling restrictions, students can choose to study both History GCSE and Geography GCSE at Key Stage 4.

The course comprises four sections that are tested in three examinations.

- **Unit 1:** Warfare and British Society, c1250 – present day, and London and the Second World War 1939 – 1945. Explores how warfare changes over time, through different factors bringing about change. We also investigate how the nature of war changes through time and peoples experience of war has also differed. There is a particular focus on the bombing of London during World War Two and the experience of civilians who lived through the period. Exam 1hr 15mins 30%.
- **Unit 2:** Anglo – Saxon and Norman England, c1060 – 1088. Looks at the time leading up to the Norman invasion of 1066, how William secures his throne and establishes Norman rule across England.
- **Unit 3:** Super Power relations and the Cold War, 1941 – 1991. Investigates the origins of the Cold War and events that were significant until the end with the collapse of the Soviet Union. Unit 2 and 3 are combined into one exam 1hr 45mins 40%.
- **Unit 4:** Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918 – 1939. Explores the rise and fall of the Weimar Republic and how the Nazi party were able to assume control of Germany. Students then look at life in society whilst under the control of the dictatorship. Exam 1hr 20mins 30%.

Beyond Year 11:

History GCSE is excellent preparation for a number of humanities and social science courses in Further and Higher education.