

History requires an inquisitive nature, develops a high standard of communication skills and nurtures investigative and analytical ability. If you are interested in a career in any of the following: business and management, law, journalism, television, the civil service, education, politics, marketing, advertising, publishing, museums, library work – then History is for you. It follows the Edexcel course and is equivalent to 1 GCSE.

What skills are needed for this course?

- Good reading and writing skills
- Ability to develop and analyse ideas from content material and sources
- A reasonable memory for detail

The course aims to:

- Teach students how to think and analysing historical events, figures, etc. This will be facilitated through analysing a variety of sources, discussions and debates, DVD/film clips, visits and presentations, etc.
- Enable students to form their own views and opinions about events, figures, etc. and their significance.
- Encourage a love of History and a better understanding of the world which we live in today and how it was created.

Examination:

The course studied is provided by the exam board EDEXCEL.

- Unit 1: Crime and Punishment in Britain, c1000 - present
Whitechapel 1870 -1900: crime, policing and the inner city
- Unit 2: Early Elizabethan England 1558 – 1588
Superpower relations and the Cold War 1941-1991
- Unit 3: Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918 - 1939

All examinations take place in the Summer Term in Year 11.

Progression Pathways to further and higher education:

- GCSE History can be further developed at Level 3 in the Sixth Form
- History can be studied directly or in combination at university. It is also represented in modular elements across many other subject areas

Career Opportunities:

- Employers value the skills of the historian: analysing, describing, explaining, evaluating and communicating
- All career areas involving writing, data collection, analysing and processing, from secretarial to teaching
- Careers in law, media, business, tourism, art and technology all build on historical skills
- History is seen as a facilitating subject and valued by universities, colleges and employers for the skills developed in GCSE and A levels