

GCSE History

‘Those who forget the lessons of the past are doomed to repeat them’ Karl Marx

History is endlessly fascinating. No matter who you are, there will always be some period of History that will capture your imagination. History helps you to understand the world you live in, understand why there are problems in the world today and to discover the opportunities the future holds.

Alongside developing literacy through extended writing and interpretation of sources; History gives students the skills they will need for the future: enquiry, organisation and communication. Employers love it, Universities love it, we hope you'll love it too!

Programme of Study and Assessment (Edexcel)

Three written examinations at the end of the course

Paper 1 (30%): Medicine in Britain c1250 – present

Middle Ages Medicine
Renaissance Medicine
18th and 19th Century Medicine
Medicine in Modern Britain
Medicine during WW1

Paper 2 (40%): British Depth Study and Period Study

Anglo-Saxon and Norman England c1060-88

How did William the Conqueror become King?
Why did some people rebel against William?
Why did William plough salt into fields?
What changes did William make to England?

The American West c1835-c1895

How did indigenous people live?
How were their lives destroyed?
Why did Americans move west?
What was the role of a cowboy?
Was there a 'Wild, Wild West'?
Who won the battles between the indigenous people and the US Government?

Paper 3 (30%): Modern Depth Study: The USA 1954-75, Conflict at Home and Abroad

Civil Rights in America 1954-60
Protest and Progress
War in Vietnam and reactions to war 1954-75
Reasons for US failure in Vietnam

Useful links

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