

Both pathways

What is History?

The present is like a movie scene: it is easier to understand if we know something of the story so far, and it is more enjoyable when we realise we are not only related to these stars, we too are performers. It is in History, not the dictionary, that everyday ideas like power or freedom find meaning. Weighing evidence, dissecting why a person or event is seen in different ways from one century to the next, and debating what makes something significant prepares us for tough choices when information is incomplete or inaccurate and there are no provable right answers.

Course Content:

The course is designed to give you variety and breadth in your historical studies. You will study larger periods of time to help you trace themes, as well as shorter chunks of time that allow you to delve deeper in to your subject specialism. You will explore memory and revision strategies to help you retain the facts, as well as wrestle with deeper historical questions that help you to trace themes, changes and developments across time.

Assessment 1: Understanding the modern world

In Section A you will study 2 key developments in a country's history over a 50 year period. In Section B you will look at conflict and tension, including how and why conflict and tension arose, what the consequences were and the role of the nations and states involved. Each section is worth 25% of the overall grade.

Section A: 1B Germany 1890-1945: Democracy and dictatorship

Section B: Conflict and tension, 1918-1939

Assessment 2: Shaping the nation

You will study events and developments which have shaped the history of the UK. Section A allows you to look at key developments over a long sweep of time. In Section B, a British depth study, you will incorporate the study of an historic environment, looking at the complexity of British society at a critical time in the country's development and how the historic environment was shaped by that society. Each section is worth 25% of the overall grade.

Section A: 2A Britain: health and the people

Section B: Elizabethan England (with Historic Environment)

Assessment:

Coursework:

There is no coursework element to the History GCSE

Examination:

2 examinations at the end of Year 11. Each examination is worth 50% of the overall grade.

Each written exam: 2 hours

84 marks (including 4 marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar)

Exam board: AQA

Trips, Resources and other opportunities: (Subject to Covid-19 Regulations)

Berlin – combined trip with German.

Pupil Quotes:

"History broadens your mind and is very enjoyable."

"History gives you an insight to what the future is going to be like! I know it sounds complicated but take it, it's fun!"

“You learn about interesting and exciting times in History.”

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Exam Board:

Subject:	Board:	Syllabus Code:	Examination/NEA/Coursework
GCSE History	AQA	8145	Exam 100%