

KS3 Overview

At KS3, History is about understanding the world we live in both nationally and internationally. We will focus on events that shaped the UK and the wider world in terms of political, social and scientific developments. The units are taught through a range of skills including: chronology, explanation, source analysis and evaluation. The development of these skills will help you to know how to handle information and make informed decisions.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Year 7	Norman Conquest	Reformation. and counter reformation. Industrial revolution	Suffragettes. Slavery
Year 8	Slavery & WWI	Holocaust & WWII	USA in the 20th century. Start GCSE course.

WHAT QUALIFICATION WILL I GET?

GCSE History

WHICH EXAM BOARD?

EDEXCEL

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Paper 1 – Medicine in Britain

1hr 15mins

(52 marks worth 30% of the GCSE)

Paper 2 – Anglo-Saxon and Norman England, ,

1hr 45mins

(32 marks worth 20% of the GCSE)

Paper 2 – American West

1hr 45mins

(32 marks worth 20% of the GCSE)

Paper 3 – Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1hr 20mins

(52 marks worth 30% of the GCSE)

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES?

A-Level History (depending on entry requirements)

GCSE History

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History fires students' curiosity and imagination, moving and inspiring them with the dilemmas, choices and beliefs of people in the past. It helps students develop their own identities through an understanding of history at personal, local, national and international levels. It helps them to ask and answer questions of the present by engaging with the past. Students find out about the history of their community, Britain, Europe and the world. They develop a chronological overview that enables them to make connections within and across different periods and societies.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Year 9	American West	Medicine	Medicine (Western
Year 10	Medicine	Medicine	Germany
Year 11	Germany	Anglo-Saxons	Revision

History was always a challenging course, but one change with the new GCSE is that there is no longer a coursework unit. Instead students study four exam units, tested through the end of year 11 exam papers. Students need to be hardworking, able to express ideas in extended writing and demonstrate the ability to think analytically and evaluate ideas. The skills to manage a significant workload and meet deadlines are also essential, while an enquiring mind and enthusiasm are perfect qualities for studying this GCSE course!

This GCSE course involves high level core skills such as analysis of written and visual sources and evaluating historical interpretations. It is essential that students have good literacy skills including good vocabulary, being a confident reader and are able to express your ideas clearly through extended writing.