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## Course highlights:

We follow the AQA syllabus which enables students to develop an understanding of a breadth of History making this course both fascinating and relevant. Students will discover the answers to key questions such as: How did The Normans take control of England in 1066? Was America really a land of opportunity from 1920 to 1975? Why did America admit defeat in Vietnam? What was ancient medicine like and how did it change through time?

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## Learning styles used:

Written work and extended writing, independent research using a variety of resources including a range of useful websites, work in groups with other students, presentations, use of ICT, extensive use of archive film and television documentaries, interpretation and evaluation of historical sources (cartoons, newspapers, speeches) are important skills that are developed throughout the course. Students will also develop essay-writing skills in short essay-style answers.

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## How is it assessed?

The GCSE paper is assessed through written answers, some based on knowledge and some based on historical sources. Students will learn a range of skills which will enable them to question sources, judge their reliability and make informed decisions. There are 2 exams for GCSE History.

### Assessment will include modules on:

Depth Study of the USA 1920-1973  
Conflict and tension in Asia 1950-1975  
Health and the People  
Norman England

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## Other Information:

In recent years we have organised trips to key sites relevant to the course. These trips have helped to give students further insight into the effect that the significant events they are studying had on people's lives.

## Sixth form pathways & careers available from this course:

Main careers for people who study History: The Law, Journalism, Media, Politics, Police, Business, Banking, Insurance, and many more. Historical skills are flexible and transferable. It is a good qualification for jobs that involve presenting reports, producing proposals or, indeed, using verbal or written communication skills. 'A' Level History is highly recommended by universities for those wanting to study Law at degree level.

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## Course combinations:

This course can be combined with any other course, and complements GCSE Law and GCSE English.

Please see **Mrs Buckley (G5)** or **Miss Lawley (G4)** to discuss this course.