
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?

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, extensive use of archive film and television documentaries, interpretation and evaluation of historical sources (cartoons, newspapers, speeches, historical opinions) are important skills that are developed throughout the course. Students will also develop essay-writing skills in essay-style answers.

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 broad range of skills and structures 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

Other Information:

The transferable skills learnt in History will help to prepare you for further education in any subject. It is highly thought of by universities.

In previous years, we have organised a one-day trip to the WW1 Battlefields in Ypres, Belgium. This applies to our Health and the People course as we learn about different medical techniques developed there, but is also an important historical event to learn about and pay our respects to. Covid-19 travel disruptions have limited this for the last few years, but we are hopeful to run it again soon.

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.

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.