

History

GCSE – OCR B

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What's it all about?

Following reforms mandated by the government, history now comprises a study of approximately 1000 years. This comprises depth and breadth studies, evaluating continuity and change across periods as well as a study of the historic environment in its context. The course builds on the concepts and literacy that have been developed throughout Key Stage 3.

Who should take it?

Anyone with an interest in the world around them – either in the past or present day. History is a highly useful tool in understanding what is going on around us and as a traditional academic discipline provide challenge, interest and stimulation.

History is widely regarded as a valuable course of study in many employment areas. It develops an awareness of the world and develops literary and analytical skills, which are widely valued professionally. The course can also provide a stepping-stone to higher study, as well as encouraging an interest for life.

Careers in journalism, law, commerce, management, finance, marketing, teaching, archive and museum work, theatrical costume design, antiques, archaeology, heritage work, conservation, restoration and civil service all value a history qualification.

What will I learn on this course?

Students will learn about different areas that have affected the world we live in today, starting with the Norman Conquest, and then focusing on changing nature of public health from the Black Death onwards, a study of Nazi Germany from 1933 to 1945 and a study of the developing American frontier in the 19th century. There will also be an opportunity to study the historic environment through a study of the changing use of Harvington Hall from its Elizabethan origins through to the present day.

How will I be assessed?

The course will be assessed through three exams at the end of the course.

What do your current students say?

“History is fun, you learn so much in further detail in a fun environment”

“History allows you to be a reflective learner, it gives you time to think about yourself, and others around you. Developing knowledge on the important issues that affect you”

“You should study history because you get a better insight into the history”

Is there anything else I need to know?

We offer a trip in the autumn of Year 11 to Berlin to complement the study of the Nazis in power. There will also be opportunity to visit a historical site to help with the study of the historical environment.

Who can I contact for further information?

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