

A Year 9's Guide to GCSE History



You should consider GCSE History if...



Enjoyment

Studying for GCSEs becomes much easier when you **enjoy** the subject. If you look forward to your History lessons, this could be for you.



Confidence in Success

Do you strive to achieve and improve? Are you **motivated** and eager to succeed in History right now?



Curiosity

Are you **curious** to discover more about our past and present? Do you like to question your understanding of the world around you, and **challenge** your own beliefs and ideas?

What content will you cover?

GCSE History comprises of **3 exams** which are all taken at the end of Y11.



30%

Paper 1: Medicine Through Time 1250-Present

From magical charms to MRI scans. This course offers a journey through time where we analyse how medicine has both changed, and stayed the same over the centuries.



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Paper 2: Early Elizabethan England 1558-88

We explore a period which saw England transform into one of Europe's greatest nations, and when a young woman became one of England's greatest monarchs.



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Paper 2: Superpower Relations & The Cold War, 1941-91

From the Second World War came the emergence of the USA and USSR. This period would see a clash of ideologies, a boom in technology – and almost, the



Paper 3: Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918-39

Hitler and the Nazi Party represent perhaps the most abominable regime in human history. But how did Hitler and his ideology come to power?



Skills you will develop

- **Knowledge.** You will learn about individuals, ideas and events which will challenge your knowledge and understanding of the world around you,
- **Analyses.** You will develop concepts such as change, continuity, significance and consequences, ultimately allowing **you** to develop **your own** well-balanced judgements.
- **Source skills.** You develop your ability to infer, analyse, criticize and utilise a range of historical

Future Opportunities

History will develop skills which are attractive to **all** employers. You can display **critical reasoning, problem solving, an ability to research** and the ability to **construct an argument** in a **clear and persuasive manner.**

Areas that history can directly link to include **law, business, the police, marketing, market researcher** and the **civil service.**

