

History



Exam Board AQA

Qualification GCSE

Aims and Objectives

The study of GCSE History helps students to develop a sense of identity through learning about the development of Britain, Europe and the World. It assists students to understand and interpret the past. It contributes to students' knowledge and understanding of other countries and cultures. It helps to train their minds through disciplined study and prepares them for adult life.

Content (Outline of Course)

Unit 1: International Relations – Conflict and Peace in the 20th Century
Unit 2: 20th Century Depth Studies
Unit 3: Historical Enquiry – British History

Assessment

75% of GCSE History is assessed by examination, the remaining 25% (focussing on Britain in the First and Second World Wars) by controlled assessment.

There are no tiered papers in GCSE History. All students will receive the same unit paper examinations.

Careers Guidance

A GCSE History qualification can allow a student to progress on to many A-Level programmes. Many degree courses at university see it as a valuable qualification. It is a highly recommended qualification by employers in many companies as well as academic institutions. History qualifications demonstrate an ability to analyse and evaluate in depth. Research skills developed can be used in a wide range of courses. Many GCSE History students go on to study A-Level History and then have careers in related jobs. Others go on to have careers in law, politics, sociology, psychology, journalism, anthropology, architecture, marketing, accountancy and PR.