



HISTORY - GCSE

The History course is designed to develop your understanding of how the modern world has been formed and how Britain has been shaped as a nation.

Paper 1: Understanding the modern world

This will be examined as a Paper One examination taken at the end of Year 11 and will account for 50% of your GCSE.

Paper one topics are divided into Section A and Section B

- *Section A, period study*; America, 1920-1973: Opportunity and inequality
- *Section B, wider world depth study*; Conflict and tension in Asia, 1950-1975

Paper 2: Shaping the nation

This will be examined as a Paper Two examination taken at the end of Year 11 and will account for 50% of your GCSE.

- *Section A, thematic study*; Britain: Health and the people: c1000 to the present day
- *Section B, British depth study including the historic environment*; Restoration England, 1660-1685

During the course you will study some of the most interesting personalities and events in History, for example;

- Guerrilla warfare in Vietnam
- The Ku Klux Klan and gangsters in America
- President JF Kennedy
- The Black Death
- The creation of the NHS
- The Great Fire of London
- Charles II

History today is not just a matter of reading books. You will look at primary sources such as diaries, letters and eye-witness accounts. Film presentations, such as 'The Untouchables' as well as documentaries, will help bring each period to life. The main aim is to give you the chance to better understand the world around you.

Hard but rewarding work
Interesting
Study of real people in a living past
Topical
Of real value in employment
Relevant
Y – makes us ask why, why, why?

Apart from being very interesting to study, a qualification in History is very useful. According to 'Which' consumer guide, 'Which subject, Which career':

“History is an excellent preparation for very many jobs”;

**Journalism, Police Work, Accountancy, TV and Radio, Tourism, Marketing,
Conservation, Law, Social Work, Teaching, Local Government, Civil Service.**