



Key Stage 4 Core Curriculum and Option Subjects

History

All history Students will follow the AQA Modern World History specification B. This exposes pupils to the key events and personalities of the Twentieth Century world and the impact they have had on our lives today.

History GCSE also allows pupils to develop their analytical, essay writing and verbal reasoning skills. This course will also give pupils a greater understanding of our world, and allow them to become more knowledgeable about politics and citizenship.

History is an enjoyable and well-respected subject, and enjoys consistently high GCSE results. Skills learnt in this subject will compliment other areas of the curriculum.

Students will have the opportunity to attend a residential trip to Belgium and France to visit the war graves of those lost in World War One. This has remained a valuable and popular experience for all pupils.



Course Content

Unit 1 – International Relations

- Peace making and the League of Nations, 1918-39
- Hitler's Foreign Policy and the Causes of the Second World War, 1933-39
- The Origins of the Cold War, 1945-55
- The Crises of the Cold War, 1955-1970

Unit 2 – Depth Studies

- The Roaring Twenties: USA 1919-29
- Hitler's Germany, 1929-39
- Depression and the New Deal: The USA 1929-1941
- Race Relations in the USA, 1955-1968

Assessment

History GCSE is assessed through two external examination papers and a Controlled Assessment-style coursework project.

Progression

The content and concepts developed in history GCSE prepare pupils for academic A-Level subjects including history, politics, English, law, geography, religious studies and Social Sciences.

History is a very well-respected subject by universities and is considered by the Russell Group of top Universities as one of the seven most 'enabling' subjects to opt for.