

Subject:	History
Level:	GCSE
Awarding Body:	Edexcel
Specification Code:	1H10
Awarding Body website:	www.edexcel.com
ASSESSMENT:	
Examination %:	100%
When will it be sat?	May/June at end of Year 11
TIERS:	
Higher Tier Grades:	N/A
Foundation Tier Grades:	N/A
No Tier Grades:	9 - 1
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Description

The Edexcel GCSE Modern World History course is about our human past and how it is relevant to today. You will have the opportunity to investigate historical events such as how diseases such as the Black Death used to be treated and how medicine and surgery has improved- looking in particular at the treatment of soldiers in WWI. You will also learn about Queen Elizabeth I and Tudor life and religion, arguments between the superpowers, and Hitler and the Nazis control of Germany.

The course consists of three study units:

- Unit 1: Medicine in Britain c1250-Present
- Unit 2: Early Elizabethan England 1558-88 (British Depth study), Superpower relations and the Cold War 1941-91 (Period study)
- Unit 3: Weimar and Nazi Germany.

Remember, as well as being an enjoyable subject the skills you are learning in History, such as investigating situations and working out why events happened, and their impact are relevant to many job situations.

How will I be assessed?

The units are assessed by written examinations at the end of Year 11. The Unit 1 exam lasts 1 hour and 15 minutes and is worth 30% of the GCSE. The Unit 2 exam lasts 1 hour and 45 minutes and is worth 40% of the GCSE, the Unit 3 exam lasts 1 hour and 20 minutes and is worth 30% of the GCSE.

Future Opportunities

History excites the imagination and the skills you learn in History are the ones you will carry with you for the rest of your life – the ability to decipher information and know when to “trust” the information you are being given and the ability to weigh up evidence and make a reasoned decision. The skills needed to study History are important in a wide variety of jobs or further and higher education courses.

You need to be able to read carefully and find information from a variety of written sources and images. You also need to recognise bias and understand how useful certain information is. It would be an advantage to have a good grasp of English and be able to explain your ideas well in writing.

Most of all you need an enthusiasm for the subject and should be prepared to work hard as History.

The ability to work with factual information and to write balanced and clear accounts in good English is required for many jobs. For example: Police, Social Work, Retail Trade, Law, Journalism, Media, Teaching.

History is also a well-regarded subject for those of you who are thinking of applying to colleges and universities. As it contributes to the English Baccalaureate, History is becoming highly regarded as a subject for those who wish to go onto further academic study at University.

Further information

The course requires a lot of reading and writing and students will be expected to show commitment, complete homework exercises and meet all deadlines.

The students who are most successful in this subject:

- Show interest and enthusiasm
- Enjoy reading and writing
- Work hard in the lessons and at home
- Revise properly for examinations

For further details please contact Mrs Page, Head of History.