

SUBJECT

History GCSE

DEPARTMENT

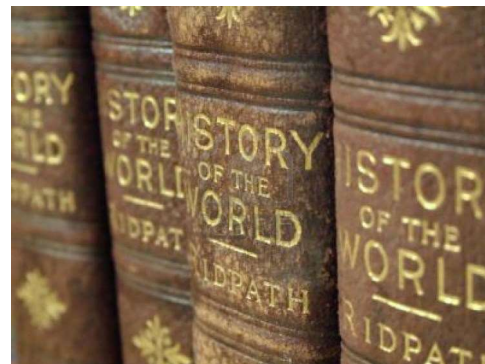
Humanities

QUALIFICATION

GCSE Grades 9-1

EXAM BOARD

Edexcel



The History GCSE is a good choice for students who are keen to think, discuss and question big ideas, events and processes. You will be encouraged to think critically about the information presented to you and must be prepared to work both independently and as part of a group. As an academic course, which is assessed by written exams, we would expect all students studying the course to have a good use of English (especially literacy) and be prepared to read large extracts and produce extended essay answers.

How is the course assessed?

The course is assessed via three written exams (the duration of which are 1 hour 15 minutes, 1 hour 45 minutes and 1 hour 20 minutes). There is no coursework.

What subject specific topics are covered during the course?

This is a linear course with all formal assessments taking place at the end of Year 11.

Topics covered are:

- Crime and Punishment
- Elizabeth I's early reign
- American West
- America 1954 - 1975

What are the expected outcomes from the course?

Successful students will achieve a GCSE. Studying the past brightens your future because a History GCSE demonstrates that you have the ability to:

- Take an interest in the world around you and the past which has shaped it.
- Research and present your ideas effectively.
- Analyse information to find changes, similarities, differences and causes.
- Think critically about the information presented to you.

What can students use the course for?

History students are well prepared for further study at college because they have developed their communication, judgement and critical thinking skills. In addition, many History students go on to study the course at A Level. Students who continue to study History at college and university are well prepared for a broad range of careers, particularly law, media and politics.