



GCSE History

Course description

The GCSE History course is divided into 4 modules over the 2 years.

Germany, 1890-1945: Democracy and dictatorship - This period study focuses on the development of Germany during a turbulent half century of change. It was a period of democracy and dictatorship – the development and collapse of democracy and the rise and fall of Nazism.

Conflict and tension, 1894-1918 - This in depth study enables students to understand the complex and diverse interests of nations and states. It focuses on the causes, nature and conclusion of the First World War and seeks to show how and why conflict occurred, and why it proved difficult to bring the war to a conclusion. This study also considers the role of key individuals and groups and how they were affected by and influenced international relations.

Britain: Health and the people - This thematic study will enable students to gain an understanding of how medicine and public health developed in Britain over a long period of time. It considers the causes, scale, nature and consequences of short and long term developments, their impact on British society and how they were related to the key features and characteristics of the periods during which they took place.

Norman England, 1066-c1100 - This option allows students to study in depth a specific historical period – the arrival of the Normans and the establishment of their rule. This study will address the political, military, religious, economic, social, and cultural aspects of this period and arising controversies.



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Number of timetabled
periods per fortnight:
7



Equivalent number of
GCSEs awarded:
1



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Assessment

This course is assessed through examination only, there is no coursework

Examination: 2 papers, both at the end of Year 11.

- Paper 1: Understanding the modern world (50% of total marks)
- Paper 2: Shaping the nation (50% of total marks)

This course is ideal for those students who have an enquiring mind and like finding out things for themselves as well as being interested in History.

Please be aware there is a heavy emphasis on written work within this subject. There is also a significant amount of factual knowledge to remember for the exam.

