

History Curriculum Key Stage 4

Vision

GCSE History enables students to discover what came before, understand how it has shaped the present and helps to develop their skills to shape the future. It also provides students with opportunities to investigate global and local histories. Life-long skills honed during GCSE History equip the 21st century student, especially when evaluating sources and interpretations to read between the lines. Moreover, regular testing of skills such as public speaking, presenting research and debating opinions mean the course develops transferable skills to take into the workplace in the future. The subject moulds global citizens who will eventually be equipped with the skills to thrive within a demanding and diverse 21st century.

Teaching and Learning

There are 4 main topics in the Edexcel History course, which are assessed through 3 exam papers at the end of Year 11.

- Paper 1 assesses a Thematic Study and Historical Environment: Crime and punishment in Britain, c1000–present and Whitechapel, c1870–c1900: crime, policing and the inner city. **This is 1 hour 15 minutes and worth 31%**
- Paper 2 assesses a Period Study and British Depth Study, with one paper split into two sections: Period study ‘Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941-91’ & British Depth Study ‘Henry VIII and his ministers, 1509-40’. **This is 1 hour 45 minutes and worth 38%**
- Paper 3 assesses Modern Depth: ‘Russia and the Soviet Union, 1917-41’. **This is 1 hour 20 minutes and worth 31%**

Learning Resources

<https://studywise.co.uk/gcse-revision/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwbysg8>

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/blog/gcse-history-revision-guide/>

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?reload=9&list=PL65yzdk1vCwuHg1rVjMJONog0WW0n4rRh> (Mr Harold YouTube videos for Cold War)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC14dDzM6HDoflR0vgwq4rOg/playlists> - ‘I’m Stuck - GCSE and A-Level Revision’ YouTube page. Search for the topics in the ‘Playlist’ drop-down.

KS4 History Programme of Study (2021-2022 – New Y11s)

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	
Year 11 (1 double + 1 Single)	<p>Period study- Paper 2-20% Superpower relations and the cold War</p> <p>a)Early tension between East and West b)The development of the Cold War c)The Cold War intensifies d)Increased tension between East and West e)Cold War Crises</p>	<p>Period study- Paper 2-20% Superpower relations and the Cold War</p> <p>a) Reactions to the crises b)Attempts to reduce tension between East and West c)Flashpoints d)The collapse of Soviet control of Eastern Europe</p>	<p>British Depth Study-20% Paper 2 Henry VIII and his ministers, 1509–40</p> <p>a)Intro to Henry VIII b)The rise of Wolsey and his policies c)Wolsey’s foreign policy d)Wolsey, Katherine, succession & annulment e)Cromwell's rise to power 1529-34 f)Cromwell and the kings’ marriages</p>	<p>British Depth Study-20% Paper 2 Henry VIII and his ministers, 1509–40</p> <p>a)Cromwell & the government 1534-40 b)The fall of Cromwell c)The break with Rome d)Opposition to and impact of the Reformation 1534-40 e)Dissolution of the monasteries f)The Pilgrimage of Grace 1536</p>	Exam Preparation and revision	
	<p>Assessment: Q1 -Consequence (A01) Q2-Narrative (A01 & A02)</p>	<p>Assessment: Full 50 minute paper</p>	<p>Assessment: Full 50 minute Paper</p>	<p>Assessment: Full paper 2</p>	<p>Assessment: -</p>	

From September 2021: KS4 History Programme of Study (YEAR 10s ONWARDS)

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 10 (1 double + 1 Single)	<p>Crime and Punishment- Paper 1-30% Medieval and early modern (7 weeks)</p> <p>Nature & changing definitions of criminal activity The nature of law enforcement Case study</p> <p>a. Introduction b. 1000- 1500 c. 1500 – 1700</p>	<p>Crime and Punishment- Paper 1 (6 weeks)</p> <p>18th & 19th century and Modern Britain d. 1700 – 1900 e. 1900 – Present</p> <p>Nature & changing definitions of criminal activity The nature of law enforcement Case study</p>	<p>Crime and Punishment - Paper 1 (6 weeks)</p> <p>Case study: The Historic environment</p> <p>Whitechapel Crime, policing and the inner city</p>	<p>Crime and Punishment- Paper 1 (5 weeks) Case study The Historic environment- Whitechapel</p> <p>Knowledge, selection and use of sources for historical enquiries</p>	<p>Paper 3 Depth study-30% Russia and the Soviet Union 1917–41</p> <p>a)Russia in early 1917 b)The February Revolution c)The Provisional Government d)The Bolshevik Revolution</p> <p>OR Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918–39 (6 weeks)</p> <p>a)The origins of the Republic 1918-19 b)Early challenges to the Weimar Republic 1919-23 c)The recovery of the Republic 1924-29 d)Changes in society 1924-29</p>	<p>Paper 3 Depth study- Russia and the Soviet Union 1917–41</p> <p>a)Early consolidation of power 1917-18 b)The Civil War 1918-21 c)Moves towards Totalitarianism d)Economic and Social change 1918-24</p> <p>OR Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918–39 (6 weeks)</p> <p>a)Early development of the Nazi Party 1920-22 b)The Munich Putsch and the lean years 1923-29 c)Growth in support for the Nazis 1929-32 d)How Hitler became Chancellor 1932-33 e) The creation of a dictatorship 1933-34</p>
	<p>Assessment: Section A AO1 & A03</p>	<p>Assessment: End of Unit Exam Full paper AO1,A02 &A04</p>	<p>Assessment: Source analysis & second order concept questions</p>	<p>Assessment: End of Unit Exam Full paper AO1,A02 &A04</p>	<p>Assessment: Q1- Source inference (4) AO3 Q2-Explain (12) A01 & 2</p>	<p>Assessment: Y10 Mock Exam (Paper 1)</p>

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	Assessment: Y11 Mock Exam 1 (Paper 3)	Assessment: Q1 -Consequence (A01) Q2-Narrative (A01 & AO2)	Assessment: Full 50 minute paper	Assessment: Full 50 minute Paper	Assessment: Full paper 2