

GCSE History

What Will I be Studying in History at GCSE?

- Crime and Punishment 1000-Present day
- Early Elizabethan England 1558-88
- Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-39
- Superpower Relations and the Cold War 1941-1991

We begin by exploring the origins and development of the Cold War-investigating how Europe was split between ideologies and the ever-present danger of nuclear war. The students will then travel further back in time to Tudor England and will assess the early reign of Elizabeth I- from 1558-1588. Students will look at Elizabeth's complicated relationship with Spain and her cousin, Mary Queen of Scots. Whilst also learning about the age of exploration and discovery around the world. Students will come to the end of Year 10 studying Crime and Punishment in the UK between 1000-Present Day. Here we look at the changing nature of crimes, policing and punishment over a thousand years, with a special focus on the Whitechapel murders of 1888. The final course will be a unit of the downfall of the first democracy in Germany; the Weimar Republic with an evaluation of Hitler's rise to power in 1933. You will study 5 hours of History per fortnight which is taught by a History specialist, and all units are assessed via examination at the end of Year 11- there is no coursework.

Why Should I Choose GCSE History?

- For the fascinating topics you will study
- For the level of support your History teachers provide for you such as: bespoke revision materials created by the department such as revision guides, exam practice booklets, flashcards and personal learning checks, exam question workshops and targeted intervention classes and lectures.
- For the transferable skills you will gain such as: excellent communication and writing skills, debating the accuracy of a hypothesis, analysing the utility of source material and understanding how to follow up an enquiry.
- For the fantastic career opportunities that will be open to you such as: journalism, law, business, politics, Archaeology, marketing and of course, teaching.

Am I suited to GCSE History?

EVERYONE is suited to studying GCSE History. If you have a genuine interest in understanding the past, in understanding how different societies have been built, developed and prospered, in building an awareness of rivalries between nations and in recognising the origins of law and order in Britain and the power religion had on its people, then this is the course for you. This is a course that is assessed totally by the written word so all scholars must be prepared for a lot of writing for exam preparation, BUT lesson activities are varied and your History teachers are well versed in making the learning fun, keeping you engaged whilst still getting the best from you.

What trips do you go on?

We offer students in Year 10 the chance to go to Berlin, Germany on a 3-day residential trip to consolidate learning on two of our units: Nazi Germany and the Cold War. Here, students will visit a number of key historical sites that include the Reichstag, the memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, the Stasi Prison and Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp to name just a few. We also take students on a 'Jack the Ripper' walking tour of the East-End. Here we supplement the students' understanding of Whitechapel by showing them the geography of the area; identifying how the area was home to both the very rich and the very poor and exploring the reasons why the murderer was able to always evade justice.

Further information can be accessed via <https://www.loom.com/share/98808a7763bc4eea9f06a1292b2a6783> If you have further questions please contact me via email: mwhelan@woodbridgehigh.co.uk.