

GCSE History



Exam Board:

AQA

Course Outline:

The brand new course is designed to give students the opportunity to explore significant periods, events, peoples, and ideas from across medieval, early modern and modern eras. Students will broaden their knowledge and understanding about British, European and world history. This includes a journey into war-torn Weimar Germany which is taken hostage by Nazism; a deeper study of the bloodbath that were the world wars; an exploration of how migration and empire has affected Britain's identity; and travel into the Elizabethan England to discover plots and intrigue. A number of trips, including to Berlin, Germany will take place.

Paper 1: Understanding the modern world

- This Unit comprises two sections: Period Studies and Wider World Depth Studies.
- The Period Studies section focuses on the development of Germany during the turbulent period from 1890-1945. Students will explore the growth and collapse of democracy, as well as the rise and fall of the Nazi dictatorship.
- The Wider World Depth Studies focuses on Conflict and Tension, and enables students either to understand the consequences of WWI, the inter-war period and the origins of WWII.

Paper 2: Shaping the nation

- For the Thematic Paper, students will be blown away by the fascinating history of the causes, impact and legacy of the British Empire upon the rulers and the ruled. Starting from the age of the Vikings, students will explore the impact of the French, Caribbeans, Indians, Africans, Irish and Jewish migrants on this island nation of ours.
- The Depth Studies section will focus on one of the strongest female historical figures in the world, namely Queen Elizabeth I. Students will consider major events during her reign including the religious turmoil and political intrigue where her sister and European cousins sought to dethrone her.

Method of assessment:

Exam: 100% written examination (both papers are 50% each)

Paper 1 - 1 hour and 45 minutes, Section A (40 marks) and Section B (40 marks)

Paper 2 - 1 hour and 45 minutes, Section A (40 marks) and Section B (40 marks)

Plus 4 marks for SPaG for each Paper

Post 16 Progression:

A-Level History/Politics/English, etc.

University

A range of careers including law, journalism and writing, police, government, teaching, arts and media, and business.

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