

History

Qualification: GCSE

Exam Board: AQA

Introduction

GCSE History gives students an opportunity to explore the twentieth century and discuss how major world events have shaped our lives. The new AQA Modern World History course carefully combines subject knowledge with subject skills to ensure students know about key events but can also put forward their views about them in a reasoned and thoughtful way. The opportunity to use different sources of evidence (e.g. films clips, recently uncovered documents etc) means students develop analytical skills of research and investigation. Energy is also invested in developing students' literacy and problem solving skills. It is an interesting and engaging course but one that requires students to study independently as well as in class.

Course content

There are 3 units, one of which is internally assessed through a 'controlled assignment'.

- Unit 1 International Relations: Conflict and Peace in the 20th Century
Students will study relations between the world's most powerful nations across two different periods during the 20th Century
- Unit 2 20th Century Depth Studies
Including: Germany 1919-1939
USA 1919 - 1941
- Unit 3 Controlled assessment: Historical Enquiry British History. British People in War
Including: Censorship and Propaganda, Recruitment and Conscription, Rationing and the effects of submarine warfare, Home Defence: the dangers of attack and invasion; the Home Guard in the Second World War, Evacuation in the Second World War, Air raids in the First World War; the Blitz and air raid precautions in the Second World War, Role of Women, Attitudes to war.

Assessment

Unit 1: Written Paper – 1hour 45 mins – 60 marks – 37.5%

Unit 2: Written Paper – 1hour 45 mins – 60 marks – 37.5%

Unit 3: Controlled Assessment – 40 marks – 25%

Why study History?

Opportunities for further study and career pathways: Students with GCSE History have a solid foundation for AS and A2 Level Geography, History, RE, Philosophy, Government and Politics, Sociology and Environmental Science. It can also suit some vocational qualifications such as Travel and Tourism.

The information and skills gained through completing the History course is valuable in the world of work. A few examples of careers that History could help you gain access to are journalism, the law, social work, marketing and sales.

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