

GCSE History

Course Details	Edexcel GCSE (9-1) History Thematic study and historic environment - Medicine in Britain, c1250–present The British sector of the Western Front, 1914–18: injuries, treatment and the trenches - hopefully including a trip to Belgium to see the battlefields. Period Study and British Depth Study - The American West, c1835–c1895 and Early Elizabethan England Modern Depth Study - Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918–39
Exam Details	PAPER 1: Thematic study and historic environment (1 hour 15 min, 30%) PAPER 2: Period Study and British Depth Study (1 hour 45 min, 40%) PAPER 3: Modern Depth Study (1 hour 20 min, 30%)
Subject support	Students will complete past paper questions throughout the course. Students can speak to the History staff at any break time or after school. Students will be given the opportunity to attend revision sessions in Year 11 where appropriate.
Useful Websites	BBC Bitesize JohndClare.net Timelines.tv There are also links on the History page of the student VLE.
What can I do?	Discuss the options carefully with your daughter making sure she picks subjects she enjoys. Organise visits to appropriate museums or sites such as Hampton Court Palace, the Old Operating Theatre and the Imperial War Museum. Purchase a revision guide when she starts the course.
What does your daughter need to do to succeed in this subject?	She needs to have good literacy skills and enjoy reading. She needs to work hard in every lesson and be ready to contribute to class discussion. She needs to be prepared to do lots of reading and writing in lessons in order to prepare good notes for the future She needs to be organised. She needs to enjoy History and have some interest in the topics we are going to cover.
What does your daughter need to do to excel in this subject?	She needs to have an avid interest in History and have an interest in the wider world, in particular in politics. She needs to have excellent literacy skills. She needs to read in her spare time, especially historical literature. She needs to be prepared to challenge herself through completing extension work and looking for ways to extend her learning outside the classroom. Join History Society in school.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Do students undertake coursework?

No, their final grade is awarded through exams only at the end of Year 11.

Are students required to write a lot of essays?

Yes. Students are required to answer several essay style questions in each of the papers, therefore some degree of confidence in extended writing is recommended.

Are students required to do a lot of reading?

Yes. We engage with source material and historians' works as well as using textbooks/worksheets, therefore some degree of confidence in reading is recommended.