

History

Qualification	GCSE (Edexcel)
Course description	<p>The Pearson Edexcel course involves students covering the following topics::</p> <p>Thematic Study – Medicine in Britain (1250-present) This traces the development and changes in the way illness and disease have been dealt with from the Middle Ages until today. It can get gruesome!</p> <p>Historic Environment – The British Sector of the Western Front 1914-18: Injuries, treatment and the trenches. How did WW1 change medical procedures and to what extent did medicine improve as a result of WWI?</p> <p>British Depth Study – Early Elizabethan England (1558-88). To what extent did Elizabeth I bring religious stability to England and Wales and how did she deal with the might of Spain?</p> <p>Period Study – The American West (1835-95). Looking at how civil war and settlers changed the face of America.</p> <p>World Depth Study – Weimar and Nazi Germany (1918-1939). How Hitler became a dictator and how he and Nazi ideas affected those in Germany and the rest of Europe.</p>
Method of Assessment	<p>Three examinations at the end of the course in Year 11</p> <p>Paper 1: Medicine in Britain (1250-present) and the British Sector of the Western Front (1914-18): 30% of the final mark (1 hour and 15 minutes)</p> <p>Paper 2: Early Elizabethan England (1558-88) and The American West (1835-95): 40% of the final mark (1 hour and 45 minutes)</p> <p>Paper 3: Weimar and Nazi Germany (1918-39): 30% of the final mark (1 hour and 20 minutes)</p>
Further Study after Year 11	<p>The GCSE course provides an excellent transition for pupils who wish to continue their study of History at A Level, as students cover the Tudors from 1485-1603 and the Russian Revolution and Stalin’s rise to power from 1917-53. The GCSE develops students’ abilities to analyse sources and present convincing judgements, which are essential aspects of the A Level course.</p> <p>In addition, History is a highly-regarded academic subject due to the variety of skills that students develop, such as analysis of sources and the ability to sustain a convincing argument, which are highly-valued across various employment sectors.</p>
Career Routes	Teaching, law, journalism, research, tourism, politics, marketing, archaeology, publishing, public relations, advertising, banking, curator, librarian.