

Option – GCSE History

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“How do you know who you are unless you know where you’ve come from? How can you tell what is going to happen unless you know what has happened before? History isn’t just about the past. It is about why we are who we are – and about what is next.”

Tony Robinson

History is a highly regarded GCSE amongst colleges, universities and potential employers. It is a highly rewarding option that analyses aspects of the past in order to illuminate the present and the future. GCSE History is extremely broad and will capture your interests whilst enabling you to develop a number of useful transferable skills. For example, you will become more critical of what you read and hear on the news and it will develop your abilities to reason and argue your point of view with supporting evidence.

If you have enjoyed History in Years 7, 8 and 9, you will probably enjoy it even more at GCSE level. This course is best suited if you can sustain on-going class-based studies over the three years, strictly adhering to deadlines and completing thorough revision. Consider carefully if you are interested in the topic areas and if the course suits your preferences. The course demands relentless commitment, dedication and a positive independent work ethic. You will be expected to do lots of writing in every lesson.

We follow the **AQA** specification. The course structure is as follows:

Component	Content	Assessment
1. Understanding the modern world	Section A: Period Studies America 1920-1973: Opportunity and Inequality Section B: Wider world depth studies Conflict and tension, 1918-1939	2 hour written examination 50% of qualification 84 marks
2. Shaping the nation	Section A: Thematic Studies Britain: Health and the people: c1000 to the present day Section B: British depth studies including the historic environment Elizabethan England, c1568-1603	2 hour written examination 50% of qualification 84 marks

