**GCSE History**

**Course Overview**

***Qualification Details:***

* Qualification: **GCSE**
* Exam board: **Pearson Edexcel**
* Included in the **English Baccalaureate** award

***Assessment Pathway:***

3 GCSE exam papers at the end of Year 11

* **Paper 1: Thematic study and historic environment**

Written examination: 1 hr and 15 mins

30% of the qualification

* **Paper 2: Period study and British depth study**

Written examination: 1 hr and 45 mins

40% of the qualification

* **Paper 3: Modern depth study**

Written examination: 1 hr and 20 mins

30% of the qualification

***Possible Careers:***

*Many well-known faces share an enthusiasm for history… just consider some of the famous faces that have studied history:* ***Jonathan Ross (TV Presenter), Sacha Baron-Cohen (Comedian), Shakira (Pop Star), Louis Theroux (Journalist and TV Presenter), Al Murray (Comedian), Diane Abbott (MP) and Martha Lane Fox (Internet Entrepreneur) to name but a few.***

***At the same time as helping you to understand your world, history can also open the door to your future.***

**Studying history can lead to a great number of excellent careers as diverse as:**

* *the media and journalism*
* *government, including local government and diplomatic services*
* *heritage organisations*
* *conservation*
* *teaching*
* *archives and library services*
* *museums and galleries*
* *charity organisations*
* *the police and law*

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**Studying history informs the present and gives you the skills you need to prepare for the future.** Apart from being very interesting, history is useful for a host of different careers, and life too! In fact, history is very practical and teaches you vital skills that employers want.

**What are the topics I will study?**

**A Thematic Study and Historic Environment:**

* *Migrants in Britain, c800–present and Notting Hill, c1948–c1970.*

**A Period Study and British Depth Study:**

Scholars take the following **British depth study** option:

* *The reigns of King Richard I and King John, 1189–1216*

Scholars also take the following **period study** option:

* *Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941–91*

**A Modern Depth Study:**

Scholars will study the following **modern depth study**:

* *Mao’s China, 1945–76*

**What skills and knowledge will I develop?**

* **Learning about people** – how they interact, the motives and emotions that can tear people apart into rival factions or help them to work together for a common cause (useful knowledge for team-building at work!)
* **Learning about countries, societies and cultures** – so many of today's conflicts and alliances have their roots in the past; how can you negotiate with, trade successfully with, or report on a country if you know nothing of its history?
* **Learning to locate and sift facts** – to identify truth and recognise myth, propaganda and downright lies (useful in every aspect of life!)
* **Presenting what you've learned in a way that makes sense to others**– whether in graphs, essays or illustrated reports – **and**having the confidence to defend your findings.

**Further reading**

**For advice and guidance on the GCSE course of study:**

[Edexcel GCSE History (2016) | Pearson qualifications](https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/history-2016.html)

**For advice and guidance on choosing to study History:**

[Choosing History / Student / Historical Association](https://www.history.org.uk/student/categories/932/info/3755/choosing-history)

**For advice and guidance on careers linked to History:**

 [Careers in History / Historical Association](https://www.history.org.uk/student/resource/2914/careers-in-history)