

GCSE History Curriculum Overview

Students will sit three exams at the end of year 11:

Paper 1 – Migrants in Britain c800-present (including Notting Hill c1948-c1970)

This explores why migrants have been attracted to Britain, the experiences that they have faced and the impact that they have had on Britain between c800 and today. There is also a case study into Notting Hill. The paper is worth 30% of the total GCSE.

Paper 2 – Early Elizabethan England, 1558-1588 and Superpower relations and the Cold War 1941-1991

The British study explores how Elizabeth I shaped England during the first part of her reign in the 16th Century. The Period study focuses on the immediate aftermath of World War Two and how tensions grew between the two superpowers of the USSR and the USA which became the Cold War. Both units are assessed in paper 2 making the paper worth 40% of the total GCSE.

Paper 3 – Weimar and Nazi Germany 1919-1939

In this unit, students investigate the impact of World War One on Germany and how the Nazi Party grew from a small political party into the dominant force in Germany by the early 1930s. The paper is worth 30% of the total GCSE.

	Year 10	Year 11
Autumn Term 1	Early Elizabethan England	Migrants in Britain
Autumn Term 2	Early Elizabethan England Weimar and Nazi Germany	Migrants in Britain Mock exams
Spring Term 1	Weimar and Nazi Germany	Migrants in Britain (Notting Hill) Superpower relations and the Cold War 1941-1991
Spring Term 2	Weimar and Nazi Germany	Superpower relations and the Cold War 1941-1991
Summer Term 1	Weimar and Nazi Germany Migrants in Britain	Superpower relations and the Cold War 1941-1991 Revision
Summer Term 2	Migrants in Britain End of Year assessment	GCSE examinations take place