

GCSE History

Course Overview

Studying history will allow you **to understand more about the way the world works**. History helps us **understand people and societies** as well as **how the society we live in came to be**. Through History we are provided with **a sense of identity as well as a moral understanding of the world**. 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:

- *Early Elizabethan England, 1558-88*

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**:

- *Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-39*

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.
- **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 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](#)

For advice and guidance on choosing to study History:

[Choosing History / Student / Historical Association](#)

For advice and guidance on careers linked to History:

[Careers in History / Historical Association](#)

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:

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

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



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