

History GCSE

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What will I learn on this course?

A: Please refer to the Options booklet for further information.

1. Britain: Power and the People, c1170– Present Day. This thematic study will enable students to gain an understanding of the development of the relationship between the citizen and the state in Britain over a long period of time. It considers the causes, scale, nature and consequences of protest to that relationship. By charting the journey from feudalism and serfdom to democracy and equality, it reveals how, in different periods, the state responds to challenges to its authority and their impact.
2. Norman England, c1066– 1100. This option allows students to study in depth the arrival of the Normans and the establishment of their rule. The in depth study will focus on major aspects of Norman rule, considered from economic, religious, political, social and cultural standpoints of this period and arising contemporary and historical controversies.
3. America: Expansion and Consolidation (American West), c1840- 1895. This period of study focuses on the development of America during a turbulent half century of change. It was a period of expansion and consolidation – the expansion to the west and consolidation of the United States as a nation. Students will study the political, economic, social and cultural aspects of these two developments and the role ideas played in bringing about change.
4. Conflict and Tension in Asia, c1950 - 1975. This wider world depth study enables students to understand the complex and diverse interests of different states and individuals and the ideologies they represented. It considers the role of nationalist movements in causing and sustaining conflict. It focuses on the causes and events of the Cold War in Asia and seeks to show how and why conflict occurred and why it proved difficult to resolve the tensions which arose.

Q: How is the course assessed?

A: Students will follow the AQA History GCSE (9-1) course.

Students will be assessed through two examinations, weighted at 50% each and requiring students to answer questions from their own knowledge and in response to source material. Each exam will be 2 hours in length.

Q: What workbook would be suitable for GCSE History?

There are a wide range of support materials available via the CATalogue. These include a bespoke revision guides, podcasts, all lesson materials and further reading. There is no need to purchase any additional workbooks, but the History department will recommend revision guides that can be optionally purchased from school.