

KS4 Curriculum Overview 2022/23

Department: History

Description of KS4 Curriculum:

Students will study the GCSE provided by Pearson Edexcel. They will sit 3 formal examinations at the end of Year 11:

Paper 1: Medicine in Britain 1250-Present Day & The British Sector of the Western Front, 1914-1918

Paper 2: Superpower Relations & The Cold War, 1941-1991 & Early Elizabethan England, 1558-1588

Paper 3: Weimar & Nazi Germany, 1918-1939

Across the units, students will develop four key historical skills: causation, change and continuity, analysis of source utility and historical interpretation.

The study of GCSE History will provide students with the tools to see the world through a critical lens, engaging students in a broad and diverse study of Britain and the wider world. They will develop the ability to weigh evidence, sift arguments, make informed decisions and develop perspective and judgement. This, in turn, will prepare them for a role as informed, thoughtful and active citizens. The topics covered tell a story about periods of time that helped shape the world we live in today.

Sequence of Learning:

KS4	Term 1 Content	Term 2 Content	Term 3 Content
Year 10	Medicine 1250-Present Day. Western Front 1914-1918.	Western Front 1914-1918. Weimar Germany 1918-1933.	Nazi Germany 1933-1939. Consolidation of knowledge and skills from Paper 1 and 3.
Year 11	Early Elizabethan England 1558-1588.	Superpower Relations and the Cold War 1941-1991.	Superpower Relations and the Cold War 1941-1991. Consolidation of knowledge and skills from Papers 1, 2 and 3.