



HISTORY



COURSE TITLE	AWARDING BODY	SPECIFICATION CODE
GCSE History	AQA	8145

WEBSITE: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/history/gcse/history-8145/>

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DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:

GCSE History covers three eras of history:

1. Medieval
2. Early modern
3. Modern times

The students at Welland Park will study the following options:

America, 1920-1973 - This unit includes the boom and bust years looking at the American dream and the divided society which leads to racial tension and the civil rights movement. It focuses on the Great Depression and its effects including gangsters and the Ku Klux Klan through to the Second World War.

Conflict and Tension between East and West, 1945-1972 - This unit focuses on the Cold War and the conflict between the USSR and the USA including events such as the Berlin blockade and wall, the space race and the Cuban missile Crisis.

Britain: Power and the People - This unit studies the development of the power struggle of the people in Britain including Magna Carta, the English Civil War, the American Revolution, protest and reform and women's rights.

Elizabethan England, c1568-1603 - This unit focuses on the key events of Elizabeth's reign as an in depth study. These include conflicts over religion and with Spain and the Elizabethan Golden Age. This course also links to the local environment through the study of an historic building.

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

Internal Assessment:

Students will be tested at least once every half term to check knowledge and understanding according to GCSE criteria. Each unit will have a GCSE style exam paper as a mock examination in Years 10 and 11.

External Assessment:

The course is 100% externally examined in two examination papers. Each written paper is 1 hour 45 minutes long and worth 50% of the GCSE. 84 marks are allocated to each paper with 40 marks for each unit. 4 marks are given for spelling, punctuation, grammar and specialist terminology.

POSSIBLE CAREER APPLICATIONS FOR THIS GCSE

History gives you the ability to construct arguments and communicate your findings in a coherent and persuasive way. It encourages you to think critically and analytically to solve problems and understand varying viewpoints. It develops independent research skills and the ability to use information to form opinions based on evidence. These skills are transferable to many high level careers within the civil service, law, journalism, teaching at all levels, publishing, media, advertising and politics, along with careers directly associated with History such as museum curators, heritage managers, researchers and tourism.