

GCSE History Booklet Key Stage 4

Vision

GCSE History enables students to discover what came before, understand how it has shaped the present and develops their skills to shape the future. It also provides students with opportunities to investigate global and local histories. Life-long skills honed during GCSE History equip the 21st century student, especially when evaluating sources and interpretations to read between the lines. Moreover, regular testing of skills such as public speaking, presenting research and debating opinions mean the course develops transferable skills to take into the workplace in the future. The subject moulds global citizens who will eventually be equipped with the skills to thrive within a demanding and diverse 21st century.

Teaching and Learning

There are 4 main topics in the Edexcel History course, which are assessed through 3 exam papers at the end of Year 11.

- Paper 1 assesses a Thematic Study and Historical Environment: Crime and punishment in Britain, c1000–present and Whitechapel, c1870–c1900: crime, policing and the inner city. **This is 1 hour 15 minutes and worth 31%**
- Paper 2 assesses a Period Study and British Depth Study, with one paper split into two sections: Period study ‘Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941-91’ & British Depth Study ‘Henry VIII and his ministers, 1509-40’. **This is 1 hour 45 minutes and worth 38%**
- Paper 3 assesses Modern Depth: ‘Russia and the Soviet Union, 1917-41’. **This is 1 hour 20 minutes and worth 31%**

Learning Resources

<https://studywise.co.uk/gcse-revision/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwbysq8>

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/blog/gcse-history-revision-guide/>

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?reload=9&list=PL65yzdk1vCwuHq1rVjMJONoq0WW0n4rRh> (Mr Harold YouTube videos for Cold War)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC14dDzM6HDofIR0vgwq4rOg/playlists> - ‘I’m Stuck - GCSE and A-Level Revision’ YouTube page. Search for the topics in the ‘Playlist’ drop-down.

KS4 History Programme of Study (2020-2022 – New Y10s)

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 10 (1 double + 1 Single)	Russia and the Soviet Union (6 weeks) a. The Revolutions of 1917 b. The Bolsheviks in Power	Russia and the Soviet Union (7 weeks) b. The Bolsheviks in Power c. Stalin's Rise to Power and Dictatorship d. Economic and Social Changes	Henry VIII and his Ministers (6 weeks) a. Henry VIII and Wolsey, 1509-29 b. Henry VIII and Cromwell, 1529-40	(1-week WEX) Henry VIII and his Ministers (3 weeks) c. The Reformation and its impact, 1529-40 Review Week	Cold War (7 weeks) a. Origins of the Cold War b. Cold War Crises	Cold War (7 weeks) b. Cold War Crises (cont.) c. The End of the Cold War <i>(2 weeks mock Programme)</i>
	Assessment: Narrative questions	Assessment: End of Unit Exam	Assessment: 3 essay questions (Reforms, Anne, Fall)	Assessment: End of Unit Exam	Assessment: Narrative questions	Assessment: Y10 Mock Exam (Paper 1 + 3)

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1		
Year 11 (1 double + 1 Single)	Review: Crime and Punishment (6 weeks) a. Introduction b. 1000- 1500 c. 1500 – 1700 <i>(1-week mock programme)</i>	Crime and Punishment (6 weeks) d. 1700 – 1900 e. 1900 – Present f. Whitechapel <i>(2 weeks mock programme)</i>	Exam Preparation and revision	Exam Preparation and revision <i>(1-week mock programme)</i>	Exam Preparation and revision		
	Assessment: Y11 Mock Exam 1 (Paper 2)	Assessment: Y11 Mock Exam 2 (Paper 1)	Assessment:	Assessment: Y11 Mock Exam 3 (Paper 3)	Assessment: -		

			2 sets of extended questions.			
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KS4 History Programme of Study (2020-2022 – New Y11s (Coronavirus))

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 10 (1 double + 1 Single)						Cold War (7 weeks) b. Cold War Crises c. The End of the Cold War (Review)

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	
Year 11 (1 double + 1 Single)	Crime and Punishment (6 weeks) a. Introduction b. 1000- 1500 c. 1500 – 1700 <i>(1-week mock programme)</i>	Crime and Punishment (5 weeks) d. 1700 – 1900 e. 1900 – Present <i>(2 weeks mock programme)</i>	Crime and Punishment (3 weeks) f. Whitechapel Exam Preparation and revision	Exam Preparation and revision <i>(1-week mock programme)</i>	Exam Preparation and revision	
	Assessment: Y11 Mock Exam 1 (Paper 2)	Assessment: Y11 Mock Exam 2 (Paper 3)	Assessment: 2 sets of extended questions.	Assessment: Y11 Mock Exam 3 (Paper 1)	Assessment: -	

From September 2021-

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 10 (1 double + 1 Single)	Crime and Punishment (6 weeks) a. Introduction b. 1000- 1500 c. 1500 - 1700	Crime and Punishment (7 weeks) d. 1700 – 1900 e. 1900 – Present f. Whitechapel	Henry VIII and his Ministers (6 weeks) a. Henry VIII and Wolsey, 1509-29 b. Henry VIII and Cromwell, 1529-40	(1-week WEX) Henry VIII and his Ministers (3 weeks) c. The Reformation and its impact, 1529-40 Review Week	Cold War (7 weeks) a. Origins of the Cold War b. Cold War Crises	Cold War (7 weeks) b. Cold War Crises (cont.) c. The End of the Cold War <i>(2 weeks mock Programme)</i>
	Assessment: 1000-1700 assessment questions	Assessment: End of Unit Exam	Assessment: 3 essay questions (Reforms, Anne, Fall)	Assessment: End of Unit Exam	Assessment: Narrative questions	Assessment: Y10 Mock Exam (Paper 1)

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1		
Year 11 (1 double + 1 Single)	Russia and the Soviet Union (6 weeks) a. The Revolutions of 1917 b. The Bolsheviks in Power <i>(1-week mock programme)</i>	Russia and the Soviet Union (5 weeks) b. The Bolsheviks in Power c. Stalin's Rise to Power and Dictatorship <i>(2 weeks mock programme)</i>	Russia and the Soviet Union (6 weeks) c. Stalin's Rise to Power and Dictatorship d. Economic and Social Changes	Exam Preparation and revision <i>(1-week mock programme)</i>	Exam Preparation and revision		
	Assessment: Y11 Mock Exam 1 (Paper 2)	Assessment: Y11 Mock Exam 2 (Paper 1)	Assessment:	Assessment: Y11 Mock Exam 3 (Paper 3)	Assessment: -		

			2 sets of extended questions.			
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