



OPTION SUBJECT (EBACC) GCSE HISTORY

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Examination Board	AQA - Graded 1 - 9

Suitability

1. Check for yourself! This course is for you if:
2. You are always asking questions.
3. You are interested in current affairs and follow the news on TV or in the press.
4. You are interested in people – how we live now and how people lived in the past. Why people do the things they do!
5. You enjoy reading and can express your ideas clearly in writing.
6. You are prepared to discuss your ideas, the ideas of other people and to ask questions.
7. You want a job that involves working with people – lots of employers understand what you can do if you have studied History.

Course Content

- The American West, 1840-1895
- Medicine and Public Health Through Time
- Elizabethan England, 1568-1603
- Conflict in Asia, 1950 – 1975 (Korean & Vietnam Wars)

This History GCSE is designed to build on the skills learned in Key Stage 3

By the end of the course you will be more confident about answering questions such as:

- Why do events happen?
- How has medicine developed from the time of Black Death to the present day?
- Why did the American government attempt genocide on the Native American Indian?
- What was it really like to be a cowboy?
- Why did the Vietnam War start?
- Why did Elizabeth defeat the Spanish Armada?
- Why do interpretations of events vary so much?

Assessment

There are 2 exams which consist of 2 written papers worth 100% of the total marks.

- Paper 1 - American West, 1840-95 and Conflict in Asia, 1950-75
- Paper 2 - Medicine Through Time and Elizabethan England, 1568-1603

These will all be sat at the end of Year 11 and are each worth 50% of your final GCSE grade.

Visits

The History Department believes in bringing History alive. You will have the opportunity to go on a 2 day visit to the World War 1 and 2 Battlefields, which students find extremely rewarding. You will also have the opportunity of going on a theatrical revision lecture. We also have opportunities to go to the USA and Germany as you progress through the school.

Careers

History is a popular subject with many employers as you will develop skills in analysing evidence, weighing arguments and presenting information. These are useful in many jobs in the media, law, museum work, marketing, management, teaching and tourism and leisure.

If you intend to take A-levels, History combines well with many other subjects, such as English, Modern Languages, Economics, Politics and Law.

History is an extremely well-respected GCSE that carries some weight with employers, whatever your field of interest.

Whatever you do for a living, you will need to know the world today and its background. This course is designed especially to help you develop that understanding.