

History

EDEXCEL IGCSE

Why study History?

History IS both interesting AND useful!

As a history student, you will never experience the events that you study; instead you have to build up a picture from the evidence that has been left. You have to become skilled at asking questions, sometimes awkward questions; you have learned not to take everything at face value. You have to develop empathy and understanding of the actions and achievements of others; you have to be prepared to put your case and argue it well; you have to use evidence to draw conclusions and make judgements. These skills are highly desirable in many different careers and IGCSE History is excellent training for any career where you have to use evidence or make decisions; especially where those decisions affect other people.



What will I learn?

The course will cover a range of topics including:

Development of Dictatorship: Germany 1918 – 1945 covering: The Weimar Republic and the Treaty of Versailles • Economic and political problems 1919 – 1923 • The Stresemann Era 1924 – 1929 • Growth of the NSDAP and the securing of power • Establishment of a Police State • Life in Nazi Germany • War, Opposition and the Final Solution

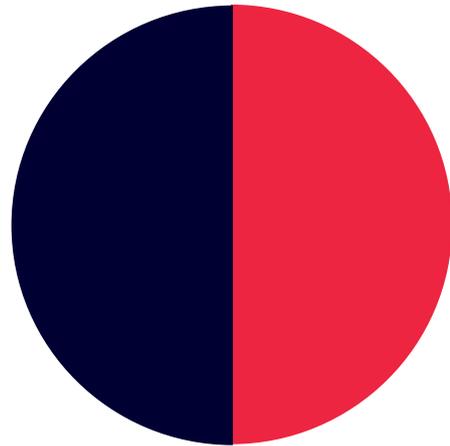
A World Divided: Superpower relations, 1943 – 1972 covering: Why the Cold War began • The Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan • Satellite States • The Development of the Cold War 1945 – 1949 • Crises of the Cold War: Korea, Hungary, Berlin and Cuba • The Thaw and Moves Towards Détente 1963-1972

The USA 1918-1941 covering: The impact of the First World War on the USA • Immigration • Prohibition and gangsterism • Mass production and the stock market boom • The Roaring Twenties • The position of black Americans • The USA in Depression 1929-1933 • Roosevelt and the New Deal 1933-1941 • Opposition to the New Deal

The changing role of international organisations: the League and the UN, 1919-c2011. covering: The organisation and decision making of the League and the UN • Policing conflict – the role of peacekeeping in resolving international conflicts • The work of specialised agencies • The strengths and weaknesses of the organisations • Great power involvement in the League (Britain and France) and the UN (USA and USSR)

How will I be assessed?

Two written examinations each worth 50% of the overall IGCSE grade



50% – Paper 1
50% – Paper 2

What can I do after I've completed the course?

As well as being an excellent springboard for A Level History, IGCSE History allows you to develop a number of key skills such as communication, analysis and data handling. History students are not just limited to “becoming another history teacher” (unless they want to of course!) Nor are they destined to gather dust in a museum or library (again unless they want to!) There are so many careers out there that require the skills that a study of history can bring: law, medicine, business, finance, accountancy, tourism, town planning, politics, journalism, research, to name but a few.