

History

GCSE

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Examination Board: Edexcel
Assessment: 100% examination

Why should I study this subject at Key Stage 4?

History has some great stories and they are real, sometimes all too real, as you will discover on this course!

What does the course involve?

The course involves studying four very different types of History.

- **A British depth study based on Norman and Anglo-Saxon England c 1060-1088;** will focus on the Norman invasion under William the Conqueror and its impact on all aspects of English society.
- **A thematic study of Medicine in Britain from c 1250 to the present;** We will consider why and how medical practice has changed and progressed through the centuries. As part of this section of the course a special study will be made of the historic environment in this case it will be injuries, treatment and the trenches in the British of the Western Front in the First World War.
- **A period study of the American West c 1835-1895;** we will consider the clash of cultures between the American Indians and the European Settlers in the nineteenth century.
- **A study of Modern America 1954-1975;** the course will focus on the struggle for Civil Rights and the conflict in Vietnam.

Differences from Year 9

GCSE History builds on the work done at key stage 3. The skills learnt will be built upon and a range of new skills will be developed, most of the content will be new and studied more in depth.

Skills developed

Studying History at GCSE level will allow you to develop your thinking and reasoning skills, improve your analysis of different types of evidence and will allow you to produce cogent arguments.