

HISTORY GCSE

We follow the “Modern World” course, which centres on the 20th Century.

The study of History is intended to allow students to:

- Actively engage in the process of historical enquiry to develop as effective and independent candidates and as critical and reflective thinkers with enquiring minds
- Develop their knowledge and coherent understanding of selected periods, societies and aspects of history
- Develop an awareness of how the past has been represented, interpreted and accorded significance for different reasons and purposes
- Develop the ability to ask relevant questions about the past and to investigate them critically using a range of sources in their historical context
- Organise and communicate their historical knowledge and understanding in creative and different ways and reach substantiated judgments
- Recognise that their historical knowledge, understanding and skills help them understand the present and also provide them with a basis for their role as responsible citizens, as well as for the possible further study of history.

There are three units:

Aspects of International Relations, 1919–2005, and the chosen Study in Depth

Your teacher will decide which one of these options you study:

The Inter-War Years, 1919–1939 (Paris peace treaties, League of Nations)

The USA 1919-41

Your teacher will also choose the Depth Study from these options:

Germany, 1918–1945 (Weimar Republic and Nazi Germany)

Russia, 1905–1941 (Causes of revolution, Lenin, Stalin)

45% of the total GCSE marks; Written paper; 2 hours

British Depth Study

How was British Society changed, 1890–1918?

Or

How was British Society changed, 1939-1975?

30% of the total GCSE marks; Written paper: 1 hour 30 minutes

Historical Enquiry

This will comprise a controlled assessment based on one of four options:

- The Role of the Individual in History
- A Thematic Study in Twentieth Century History
- A Modern World Study
- A Study in Depth.

25% of the total GCSE marks 1 task

Extended reading, note-taking and essay-writing are important parts of the course.

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