

Subject	History	
Qualification	GCSE	
Exam Board	Edexcel	
Course summary	The History GCSE aims to provide the student with both depth and breadth. The Cold War and Elizabethan England topics allow the students to focus in on a specific period in greater detail. In contrast, the Crime and Punishment and Weimar and Nazi Germany topics provide students with the opportunity to compare and contrast over a wider period of time. We provide students with bespoke printed workbooks to complete their classwork in.	
What will students learn?	Year 9 content	<p>Topic 3: Crime and Punishment through time, c.1000-present. Students will examine how our attitudes and policies towards crime and punishment have changed over time, eventually evolving into the systems we have in place. Case studies include: The Gunpowder plotters, The Tolpuddle Martyrs, Pentonville Prison and Jack the Ripper.</p> <p>Topic 2: Early Elizabethan England, 1558-1588. Students will look at the problems which faced Elizabeth I during her reign. In particular, they will confront the issues of Elizabeth's marriage, her choice of advisers and her foreign affairs. Further to this, the topic allows students the opportunity to discuss the ideas surrounding gender and Elizabeth's desire to prove herself as Queen.</p>
	Year 10 content	<p>Topic 3: Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-1939. This topic looks at the situation in Germany immediately after World War One, with the advent of the Weimar Republic. The course then goes on to explore Hitler's rise to power and the increase in support for the Nazi party. We examine some key ideas such as anti-Semitism, as well as look at the ways in which extremist political parties gained support in the past.</p>
	Year 11 content	<p>Topic 4: Superpower Relations and the Cold War, 1941-1991. For our final topic we look at the relationship between international powers, and the problems that has caused in the recent past. We study many significant events in the 20th Century, including the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962, the invasion of Afghanistan in 1979, and the eventual collapse of the USSR, symbolised by the fall of the Berlin Wall. This course aims to give students a greater understanding of international politics, and enable them to analyse issues facing the world today.</p>
How will students be assessed?	<p>Exam Assessment: The course is 100% exam based. The GCSE is 3 papers: Paper 1: Crime and Punishment through time. A mixture of short questions, essays and source-based questions. Paper 2: Elizabethan England and Superpower relations. Split into two halves, this paper contains short questions and essay questions. Paper 3: Weimar and Nazi Germany. Similarly to Paper 1 this contains a mixture of short questions, essays and source-based questions. In class assessment: Students are assessed for every 4-8 hours of learning, and are given feedback on their work in order to make improvements. Students are also quizzed at the beginning of every lesson in order to build up understand and subject knowledge. Students will have formal in-class assessments at regular intervals, in the style of their GCSE exam papers, so as to prepare them for their exams at the end of year 11.</p>	

