GCSE History

What Will You Do?

A study of history at GCSE requires pupils to understand change and continuity across a long sweep of history. Pupils will consider the relationship between past and present, through a focus on a political/social/cultural theme in British and European History. The period study provides the wider World focus, while the History Around Us component allows us the opportunity to visit and explore a site of local interest.

AQA GCSE History (8145) These are the 4 units that you will be examined on at the end of year 11. You can look at the specification to find out more details about the units.

Germany, 1890–1945: Democracy and dictatorship
Migration, Empires and the People, 790 to Present day
Conflict and tension, 1918–1939
Norman England, c1066–c1100

http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/history/gcse/history-8145/specification-at-a-glance

Assessment Details

There are two exams – Paper 1 and 2 are each worth 50% and last for 2 hours each. These exams consist of short answer questions and longer, essay type questions. Good literacy skills are beneficial as extra marks (8) for spelling, punctuation and grammar are awarded.

Qualification
GCSE

Exam Board
AQA

Is History for you?

Do you like finding out about things for yourself?
Do you like finding out about what motivates people in the past and the present?
Are you interested in finding answers to questions like “Why did the Holocaust happen?” “Why is there so much conflict in the world? ” “How are today’s problems caused by the past?”

Are you good at communicating your ideas orally and in writing?
Do you like working independently and as part of a team?
Are you thinking of a career that uses skills of investigation, evaluation and interpretation?

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