



History

What will I learn about?

Edexcel GCSE - the GCSE course is divided into three examined papers, covering a wide time period and range of countries:

Unit 1 will cover two areas of study:

- A thematic study of medicine over time 1250 to present day
- A study of the Western Front in World War One

Unit 2 will be depth studies covering:

- The American West: 1835-95
- Anglo-Saxon and Norman Britain: 1060-88

Unit 3 is a world depth study focusing on:

- The USA 1954-75: Conflict at home and abroad (The Civil Rights Movement and the Vietnam War)

How will my work be assessed?

We aim to make lessons interesting and varied. If you study History at GCSE, you can expect to learn in a variety of ways – for example in groups, through discussion and active learning and using a range of ICT and media clips. The course is both challenging and rewarding. You will be expected to assess evidence, reach clear judgements and you will be required to write extended essays. The course is 100% exam and exams appear at the end of the two year course.

What courses could I go on to study?

History is a subject within the English Baccalaureate group which is seen by The Russell Group* as a reflection of strong academic ability. GCSE History students demonstrate wide ranging skills and an ability to work and think independently. It is these skills that prospective post-16 students require, and GCSE History can provide a strong foundation for students to build upon.

*The Russell Group is an organisation which represents the top 20 universities in the UK.

What jobs can this qualification lead to?

History can open the door for many different careers such as law and teaching and management roles. Often, the ability to look at the past can help you to understand the present and employers will always favour this. Martin Luther King's words, "We are not makers of history. We are made by History", highlights how crucial this subject is.

Who can I speak to for more information?

For further information about History please speak to Mrs Dobson, Curriculum Area Leader: History or contact options@penistone-gs.uk.