

History

GCSE

Examination Board: AQA

What will I study?

Part 1 Wider World Depth Studies:

Unit 1: Germany, 1890 – 1945: Democracy and Dictatorship (the focus is the rise of the Nazis)

Unit 2: Conflict and Tension: 1990 – 2009 (the focus is on the Gulf and Afghanistan)

Part 2 Shaping the Nation:

Unit 3: Britain: Health and the People: c1000ad – Present.

(This focuses on the main factors affecting British people's health and how this changed over time.)

Unit 4: Elizabethan England: c1568 – 1603

How is the course assessed?

The course is assessed by two examinations.

There will be 2 written exams each lasting 1 hour 45 minutes:

Paper 1 is 50 % of the GCSE and will cover the Wider World Depth Studies (Section A: Germany & Section B Conflict & Tension 1990 – 2009.). This paper is worth 84 marks in total, including 4 marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Paper 2 is 50% of the GCSE and will cover the Shaping of the Nation (Section A, Britain and Health & Section B Elizabethan England. This paper is worth 84 marks in total, including 4 marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar.

How will the course help me in the future?

History is a subject well regarded by further education colleges, universities and employers. You will develop important, transferable skills such as research skills, excellent communication and writing skills, the ability to handle and analyse data, how to organise information, problem solve, ways to construct an argument and the ability to question the reliability of a range of information and evidence.

It may surprise you to learn that historians do, in fact, provide more directors of Britain's leading companies in proportion to the number of graduates than any other subject; outperforming law, science and engineering. Careers in the following areas benefit from historical understanding: Law, Politics, Business, Marketing, Journalism, Economics, Teaching, Insurance, Social Research, Archaeology and Curation (Museums, Galleries, Archives and Libraries.)

Which member of staff should I contact for more information?

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