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Course Outline:

Our GCSE History course is an exciting mix of English and international, modern and medieval history. The topics we have chosen allow students to both get an overview of historical themes and to study some topics in depth.

Skills/attributes developed/required:

- Most importantly, an interest in finding out about the past and how it has shaped our world today.
- An enjoyment of reading and writing – the exam contains long essay-style answers and requires analysis of written sources.

Studying History will develop these skills:

- Critical thinking skills
- Being able to analyse evidence and interpretations
- Logical thinking and the ability to construct a convincing argument.

Additional considerations:

There are no planned costs.

Examination Information

Exam Board: Edexcel

Exam: 100% Exam

Exam Outline:

Paper 1—30% Medicine in Britain, c1250–present and The British sector of the Western Front, 1914–18: injuries, treatment and the trenches.

Paper 2—40% The reigns of King Richard I and King John, 1189–1216 and The American West, c1835–c1895.

Paper 3—30% The USA, 1954–75: conflict at home and abroad (the civil rights movement and the Vietnam War).

Where can it take me?

Next Steps: A-levels in History, Law, Sociology or anything else!

Future career opportunities that this subject may lead to: History is a well-respected subject and so is valued in all career paths. History gives particular skills for Journalism, Law, Politics, Civil Service and many others.

What do Year 10 and 11 say about History?

“It’s very interesting and you learn a huge variety of things. There are films to watch and the lessons are very involving.”

“I like delving into the history of the way we live now and how we got here. The gory details are my favourite!”

“I find History fascinating! I like learning all about how people lived in the past and their amazing stories. The American West topic in particular was excellent.”