

History

OCR History B

What does GCSE History involve?

The GCSE History course is divided into five parts:

- The People's Health 1200 to the present day
- The Norman Conquest 1065-1087
- History Around Us - Framlingham Castle
- The Making of America 1789-1900
- Living under Nazi Rule 1933-1945

While studying these topics you will

- Learn about different peoples, cultures, ideas, places and events
- Improve your understanding of human experience and human behaviour
- Develop skills of critical evaluation, problem solving and communication
- Gain a qualification which is an excellent preparation for many careers.

How is History assessed?

All parts are assessed through examinations at the end of Year 11. Examinations assess knowledge and understanding of the periods studied, the ability to analyse and explain the past, source analysis and evaluation skills and understanding of different interpretations of the past.

How does this follow on from what I have learnt before?

Although much of the content will be new to you, the skills that you have been developing through the study of History will be built upon. You will notice some difference from your History lessons in Year 9, as in many cases the class will be smaller, but in other respects things will be similar as discussion, debate, the use of visual and written sources and extended writing continue.



Are there any visits?

In Year 10 students will visit Framlingham Castle. Other visits to support learning may also be arranged.

Why should I take GCSE History?

A History qualification makes you highly employable. The skills you learn and develop through the study of History are highly transferable to a huge variety of jobs. Employers want people who can think for themselves, carry out enquiries independently, analyse problems, critically evaluate evidence and communicate ideas. At GCSE level History is the only subject that teaches you all these skills.

History is also about understanding human behaviour and human experience. Not only is this interesting, it also helps you to have a greater understanding of the world in which you live.

What could I do next with History?

Having GCSE History on your C.V. is useful - employers will know what it is. It keeps your options for careers open, rather than closing doors to the future.

A number of students decide to study History at A level and at university.

A History qualification is useful if you are thinking about careers in journalism, broadcasting, law, management and professional careers in business, politics and local government, as well as more obvious areas such as heritage tourism and archaeology.