

OVERVIEW

The History curriculum aims to ensure that all students have a secure knowledge and understanding of the past based upon a coherent, chronological narrative. We want students to be excited and enthusiastic about learning History, as well as understanding the people and events that have shaped both their local communities and the wider world into the diverse society we see today. At GCSE we follow the Pearson Edexcel curriculum which builds upon and deepens learning of some topics in Key Stage Three, for example German history and Elizabethan England.

Autumn

Medicine in Britain 1250-1500

- Medicine in Medieval England 1250-1500
- The Medical Renaissance in England 1500-1700
- Medicine in eighteenth and nineteenth-century Britain
- Medicine in modern Britain
- Historic environment: British sector in the Western Front

Assessment:

At the end of each section of Medicine there is a mini-assessment consisting of a knowledge test and exam questions.

Students complete a Medicine paper for the mid-year exam.

Personal development:

Respect for institutions and public services- a study of the NHS and the impact it has had on British people's health.

Positive contributions on the lives of others- individuals who have made breakthroughs in the development of medicine.

Spring

Germany 1918-39

- The Weimar Republic 1918-29
- Hitler's rise to power 1919-33
- Nazi control and dictatorship 1933-39
- Life in Nazi Germany 1933-39

Assessment:

At the end of each section of Germany there is a mini-assessment consisting of a knowledge test and exam questions.

Personal development:

Democracy and the rule of law: Looking at the Weimar democracy and how this was dismantled under the Nazis.

Summer

Cold War 1941-91

- The origins of the Cold War 1941-58
- Cold War Crises 1958-70
- The end of the Cold War 1970-91

Assessment:

At the end of each section of Cold War there is a mini-assessment consisting of a knowledge test and exam questions.

There is also an end of year mock exam on Germany and Medicine

Personal development:

Individual liberty: looking at the loss of freedoms in Eastern Europe during the Cold War and the responses to this in an attempt to gain individual freedom.

Useful resources for supporting your child at home:

SENECA: There are useful quizzes on SENECA your child can complete at home which match the topics in the GCSE curriculum.

Knowledge Organiser: These contain the essential information students need to know for each unit which can be used at home to remember key facts.

Homework:

Homework will be in the form of a fortnightly homework booklet which consolidates learning taking place in the classroom.