

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

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 a November mock exam on Medicine, Germany and Cold War

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.

Spring

Early Elizabethan England

- Queen, government and religion 1558-69
- Challenges to Elizabeth at home and abroad 1569-88
- Elizabethan society in the age of explorations 1558-88

Assessment:

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

There is a mock exam in March which covers all 4 units.

Personal development:

Democracy: the changing role of the monarchy and the role of parliament at this time.

Summer

Revision

Assessment:

At the end of Y11 students will complete all 3 exam papers.

Personal development:

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.