

History

GCSE Qualification - Edexcel

Course Leader: Mr Kenneby

Successful learner profile

- A student who enjoys studying people and events in the past.
- Someone who enjoys analysis and evaluation
- Someone who is disciplined and prepared to work hard.
- Someone who is good at articulating their ideas in discussions and in writing
- A student who can discern the essential from the trivial.
- Someone who really enjoys reading and exploring the past.

Why choose this course?

- Choose this course if you are passionate about History and wish to develop your understanding of the past.
- History provides an opening to a wide range of careers. You will gain vital key skills such as problem solving and teamwork. You will be taught how to research effectively and understand a range of interpretations of the past. You will be encouraged to construct arguments and debate your opinions and form judgements about the significance of historical events and the role of key individuals. You will develop your ability to analyse and evaluate and communicate your answers effectively. These skills are essential not only for history but for a wide variety of careers you may wish to pursue in the future.

What will you study?

The GCSE is broken into 4 units:

- Thematic study and historic environment: Migrants in Britain, c.800 – present and Notting Hill, c.1948 - 1970 (30%)
- Period study: The American West, c.1835-1895 (20%)
- British depth study: Elizabethan England 1558-88 (20%)
- Modern depth study: Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-39 (30%)

How will you be assessed?

- The GCSE is fully linear with exams at the end of the course.

Possible progression post 16

- Choosing History at GCSE will provide you with plenty of opportunities for further progression. You could embark on an A Level course. At Egguckland we have exciting units on Britain between 1930 - 1997; The Cold War in Asia 1945 - 1993 and Popular Culture and the 'witchcraze' of the 16th and 17th centuries.
- Beyond A Level many professions such as Medicine and Law recognise that History is a robust, academic subject for students and good preparation for these disciplines. History can gain you entry into a wide range of careers including Television, Radio, Journalism, the Police Force, Social Work and the Civil Service. Many world leaders have degrees in History.

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