

Course Title	GCSE History
Exam Board	AQA
Exam Board Website	www.aqa.org.uk
Course Code	8145
Controlled Assessment/Exam Weighting	100% Examination

Course Description:

Have you been interested in the events of the past? How society has developed over time? Have you ever wondered what we can learn from the past about today? What events have increased tensions and placed us close to a nuclear war? Our GCSE History specification aims to answer these questions and many more! We will study key events of the 20th century including the Cold War with the development of nuclear arms, the Wall Street Crash, the introduction and decline of prohibition, the rise of new feminism and the Civil Rights Movement, alongside how medical development has evolved! We will also look at the Reign of Elizabeth I and how her reign is often overshadowed by religious conflicts!

Assessment:

Assessment for this qualification is 100% examination which consists of 2 examinations during summer term of Year 11. Both exams are worth 50% of the overall qualification and there is no coursework element. Pupils will be assessed regularly throughout the two years to provide pupils with an understanding of what the final exam will look like, and give them an opportunity to practice their extended writing. Pupils will also have to have the ability to be able to critically discuss historical sources and interpretations and match these views to their understanding of the topic.

Paper 1 – Understanding the Modern World

- America, 1920-73: Opportunity and Inequality
- Conflict and Tension: Between the East and West 1945-72

Paper 2 – Shaping the Nation

- Britain: Health and the People: c1000 to the present day
- The Reign of Elizabeth I: c1568-1603

For more information on what is included in these topics please look at:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/history/gcse/history-8145/specification-at-a-glance>

This course is suitable for:

People who enjoy learning about the past and the impact this could have on today's society. It is also useful for people who like to examine historical sources, both primary and secondary to analyse an event and look at its value. It is suitable for people who enjoy learning a variety of different types of history, including British history and a wider world depth study. It will be of interest to those who want to understand more about the relations between different countries and how this has evolved over time.

GCSE History is suitable to pupils who are hard working and enjoy making sustained arguments whilst analysing the past!

Careers/Jobs

History professor, librarian, lawyer, research analyst, solicitor, archaeologist, archivist, civil service administrator, politician's assistant, teacher.

At Etone College Sixth Form, pupils can continue studying an A Level in History provided they meet the entry requirements of a grade 5 or higher in English Language and a Grade 5 in History.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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