

Course Title	GCSE History
Exam Board	Pearson Edexcel
Exam Board Website	https://qualifications.pearson.com
Course Code	IH10
Controlled Assessment/Exam Weighting	100% Examination

Course Description:

Have you ever been fascinated by events from the past and wondered how they have shaped the world we live in today? How has society changed over time, and what lessons can we learn from history? What events brought the world to the brink of nuclear war, and how have struggles for rights and freedoms transformed societies?

Our GCSE History course explores these questions and many more. You will study some of the most significant events of the twentieth century, including the Cold War, the nuclear arms race, the crises in Berlin and Cuba, and the conflict in Vietnam alongside the Civil Rights Movement in the USA. You will also trace the development of medicine over time, discovering how breakthroughs and individuals have transformed healthcare.

In addition, you will delve into the fascinating reign of Elizabeth I, exploring the challenges she faced, the religious divisions that shaped her rule, and why this period remains one of the most important in British history. Through studying History, you will develop valuable skills of analysis, evaluation and communication, helping you better understand both the past and the world around you today.

Assessment:

Assessment for this qualification is 100% examination which consists of 3 examinations during summer term of Year 11. 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 develop the ability to critically evaluate historical sources and interpretations, relating these views to their own knowledge and understanding of each topic.

Paper 1: Thematic study and historic environment

- Medicine in Britain, c1250–present and The British sector of the Western Front, 1914–18: injuries, treatment and the trenches

Paper 2: Period study and British depth study

- Early Elizabethan England, 1558–88
- Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941–91

Paper 3: Modern depth study

- The USA, 1954–75: conflict at home and abroad

For more information on what is included in these topics please look at:
<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/history-2016.html>

This course is suitable for:

People who enjoy learning about the past and understanding its impact on today's society. It is also suitable for people who enjoy examining historical sources, both primary and secondary, to analyse events and evaluate their value. It is suitable for people who enjoy studying a variety of historical themes, including political, military and social history. 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 for pupils who are hardworking and enjoy constructing sustained arguments while analysing the past.

Careers/Jobs

Lawyer, Solicitor, Research Analyst, Archaeologist, Archivist, Civil Servant, Politician, Teacher, Accountant and many other professions.

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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