



Holly Lodge High School

College of Science

Subject/Qualification	GCSE - History– Edexcel
What is the course about?	<p>The History GCSEW looks at wide range of Historic time periods. We aim for an interesting and varied scheme of work at GCSE History, where we study 4 separate units to be assessed through 3 exams at the end of Year 11. The thematic study on Medicine in Britain require students to understand change and continuity across a long sweep of history, including the most significant medical development of different ages from the medieval to modern periods. They include people, events and developments and reveal wider changes in aspects of society over the centuries and allow comparisons to be made between different periods of history. The period study of the era of the Cold War focuses on a substantial and coherent medium time span of 50 years and requires students to understand the unfolding narrative of substantial developments and issues associated with the period. The depth studies on the Reign of Richard and John as well as Germany, focuses on a substantial and coherent short time span and require students to understand the complexity of a society or historical situation and the interplay of different aspects within it. Depending on the depth study, these may include social, economic, political, religious and military aspects.</p>
How is it assessed?	<p>There are four units spread out across three papers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper 1: Medicine in Britain: 1250 to the present day (30%) • Paper 2-International Relations- the era of the Cold War/The reigns of King Richard and King John (40%) • Paper 3: Germany 1918-39 (30%)
What can you do with this qualification?	<p>There are many reasons to study History at GCSE level. Apart from being interesting, history is very useful for a wide variety of careers. Employers who see that you have a history qualification will know that you have developed certain key skills which can be applied to numerous occupations. The most important is that they will know that you are able to communicate clearly and accurately, especially in writing. They will also know that you are able to research and read a variety of different kinds of information at quite a complex level. History at GCSE is highly regarded by colleges and universities as a rigorous, high quality academic subject. The study of History opens doors to a range of careers in areas such as Law, Politics, Civil Service, the Media, Finance, Computing, Human Resources, Business Management and Administration to name but a few.</p>
Is there a main selling point?	<p>One of the main selling points of History GCSE is the huge development of skills that students experience. These skills not only allow students to perform well in History, but also enable them to improve in other subjects and prepare them well for A level courses.</p>
What are the pre-course requirements?	<p>Students need to have an interest in the subject- and be prepared to work hard! Students will need to read widely around the subject areas in order to develop a better understanding of the historic contexts that they're studying. At least a level 4 in English is also beneficial but not necessary. Be able to present work in a variety of ways and show the ability to read around the subject to gain knowledge.</p>
What other subject(s) does it combine well with?	<p>History has cross curricular links with many subjects but in particular sits with the following well:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography • English • Sociology • Religious Studies