



Faculty Introduction:

History is a key subject to help pupils understand the state of the modern world. It helps them understand much of the events and issues they see in the news. It helps them develop analytical skills as well as writing skills that they can then use in a variety of situations.



Topics/Modules to be covered in the year:

Students follow the Edexcel History A GCSE, which is a modular course comprising four equally weighted units of study delivered over two years. Three units are assessed by examination and one by a piece of coursework.

Unit 3: War and the Transformation of British Society 1903-1928

– Students will look at the challenges faced for women in gaining the vote, the beginnings of social reform such as Old Age Pensions and Free School Meals, the impact of the First World War on society in Britain and on the soldiers fighting and the industrial unrest in the 1920s. This paper balances source use with own knowledge.

Unit 2: Germany 1918-1939

- Students will look at the impact of the First World War on Germany and how this aided the rise of the Nazi Party before studying the Nazi regime and the impact it had in Germany. This paper is mainly own knowledge based but there is one source question.

Unit 4: Vietnam 1960 – 1975

– Students will start to examine the content of this module looking at the causes of the Vietnam War, the warfare techniques used, the social impact in the USA and Vietnam before looking at how the war ended. They will then complete their Controlled Assessment.

Assessment:

Informal assessment takes place throughout lessons and can be verbal or written. Students will also have their class work and homework marked regularly by the teacher and they will be awarded effort grades.

Formal external assessment of the Edexcel GCSE History course takes place at the end of Year 11. To assess academic progress during Year 10, students sit regular end of unit tests using past GCSE questions. These tests are completed under examination conditions and are also used as the working grades which are reported home on a termly basis.

Homework expectations/key deadlines:

Students should expect to receive 45 minutes of History homework per fortnight. Homework is an integral part of the students learning and will be directly related to classroom teaching.

Enrichment activities/revision sessions:

Enrichment and extension activities include the History Society, extension activities in lessons as well as 1-2-1 sessions where necessary to improve pupil's progress. GCSE History Club will run at lunchtimes to assist students with the completion of both class work and homework.

Useful websites for revision/revision guides/exam boards:

BBC Bitesize (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zk26n39>)

Edexcel Results Plus Revision History A: The Making of the Modern World Units 1-3