

History

Exam Board: AQA
Course Code: 8145

'This is your chance to learn about the past in order to create a better future.'

History course overview

History is essential if you want to understand where we have come from and why the world is how it is today. History teaches you transferable skills which are valued by colleges, universities and employers. These include analysing a range of information; evaluating historical accounts; empathising with different groups of people; arguing a point using evidence.

Students study Britain, American and Asian history – with topics ranging from civil rights, castle building, the formation of the NHS, and the Cold War.

New for 2025 – Health and the People - Due to the number of our students who are seeking to pursue careers in medicine, pharmacy and public health, we are delighted to offer a new course: Britain: Health and the People c. 1000 to Present Day. This replaces the Migration, Empires and the People course.

How is the course assessed?

There are two exam papers, with units covering both British and International History. All exams are sat at the end of Year 11. There is **no** coursework requirement.

Paper 1: Understanding the modern world

- Section A: Period studies
 - *America, 1920-1973: Opportunity and inequality*
- Section B: Wider world depth studies
 - *Conflict and tension in Asia, 1950-1975*

Paper 2: Shaping the nation

- Section A: Thematic study – **New for 2025**
 - *Britain: Health and the People c. 1000 to Present Day*
- Section B: British depth study and the historic environment
 - *Norman England, c.1066-c.1100*

We undertake a visit to Kenilworth Castle at the end of Year 10, to support the unit on Norman England.

Is this course for you?

If you are interested in both British and world History. If you like analysing different points of view to assess how valid they are. If you enjoy discussing your ideas and arguing your point. And if you enjoy writing your ideas down in succinct and persuasive ways – then History is the subject for you!

What could this course lead to?

Historians are valued in strategic and advisory careers such as Civil Service, Public Health, and Management Consultancy. In creative industries such as Games Design and Fashion they draw inspiration from past societies. In Law they provide sharp analysis and well-argued cases and in Business they have the analytical skills and vision for development to drive their companies forward.

Who can I contact for further advice or support?

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Norman England



The Historic Environment



The Roaring 20s



War in Vietnam



Civil Rights



Medicine and Public Health