

HISTORY

History IGCSE is about the **people, events and developments** that shaped the modern world in the mid nineteenth to late twentieth century.

Our History course deals with many thought provoking enquiries. Here are just a few:

Why did prohibition fail in the USA?

How did Adolf Hitler turn Germany into a dictatorship?

What caused the Cold War?

Who 'won' the Cuban Missile Crisis?

How did two world wars improve medical understanding?

History is about people and the forces which shape their lives, but also recognises how people themselves can act as the drivers of change. Studying history is essential if you hope to make sense of the world in which we live today. The past has been called a 'foreign country' and at times we can feel puzzled at the actions and attitudes of those who came before us. However, it is the primary job of the historian to interrogate the evidence in order to walk in their shoes. We must cast aside our cosy twenty first century assumptions and see the past through the eyes of the people who lived it.

INTELLECTUAL SKILLS

The study of history helps you to develop the skill valued by colleges, universities and employers. These include the ability to select, analyse and deploy factual evidence in support of an argument. Moreover, it refines your ability to communicate your position through written work and oral presentation. In short, these transferable skills make it an excellent preparation for a range of different A Level courses.

COURSE CONTENT

PAPER 1 4HI1/01: DEPTH STUDIES (1HR 30 MINUTE EXAM PAPER – 60 MARKS)

Germany 1918-1945

- Includes: the Weimar Republic; the collapse of Weimar and rise of Hitler; Life in Nazi Germany

Superpower Relations 1943-1972

- Includes: origin of Cold War; the arms race; impact of Cold War in Eastern Europe; impact of Cold War in Korea; impact of Cold War in Cuba; thawing of Cold War and Detente

PAPER 2 4HI1/02: BREADTH STUDIES (1HR 30 MINUTE EXAM PAPER – 60 MARKS)

USA 1918-1941

- Includes: the Roaring Twenties and economic boom; racial and religious divisions and tension; the causes and effects of prohibition; the Depression and the New Deal

Changes in Medicine 1848-1948

- Includes: developments in surgery, public health and medical treatments and the myriad of reasons behind these changes

ASSESSMENT: PEARSON EDEXCEL IGCSE HISTORY 4HI1

We assess progress in class in a number of ways but emphasis will be given to preparing for the requirements of the examination. This means learning how to approach shorter response questions worth 6 and 8 marks and how to prepare for more traditional essay style questions worth 16 marks.

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