

## **HISTORY**

(Exam Board: AQA GCSE History 8145)

### **The Course**

The History GCSE course is varied, challenging and fascinating. It allows students to develop greater insight into key historical concepts. Furthermore, broadening their knowledge and understanding of key events. The course builds on some of the themes we have studied in Year 9 and introduces new topic areas.

### **Study Programme**

#### **Paper 1 - Understanding the Modern World**

Section A: Period Study: **Germany 1890—1945: Democracy & Dictatorship.**

In essence this looks at a turbulent period of change in Germany with the development and collapse of democracy, followed by the rise and fall of Nazism.

Section B: Wider World Depth Study: **Conflict & Tension, 1918—1939.**

This is an opportunity to look at an international conflict, this includes peacekeeping after the First World War and the causes of the Second World War.

This is worth 50% of the final grade and the written exam is 2 hours.

#### **Paper 2—Shaping the Nation**

Section A: Thematic Study: **Britain: Health and the People: c1000 to the present day.**

This section looks at the development of medicine and public health in Britain. This will explore changes and the impact of these changes.

Section B: British Depth Study: **Norman England, c1066-c1100.**

This looks in depth at the arrival of the Normans, how they established their rule and what life was like in Norman England. You will also study a historic site through a case study.

This is worth 50% of the final grade and the written exam is 2 hours.

Both exams are sat at the end of Year 11 and marks are allocated for good spelling and grammar.

**History GCSE** is a demanding & fascinating subject that requires commitment and independent application. You will need to regularly revise to consolidate your learning and knowledge base. Essay writing is important and thus being able to develop your answers whilst including appropriate historical evidence and explanations. Providing analysis and evaluation to support a sustained judgement is required for the upper level answers.

**In the future this subject will help you:** History GCSE is an absorbing subject that fosters excellent critical thinking and problem solving skills which are highly transferable. It involves weighing up the evidence and ultimately understanding why people in the past behaved as they did. It helps you to appreciate different perspectives and allows you to communicate effectively. Furthermore to appreciate the different factors that influence different groups & individuals in society. It is a highly respected and challenging subject that employers appreciate and that many students go on to study at local colleges & at university.

**If you have any questions and want to know more ask your History teacher.**