



Ringwood School

A National Teaching Academy

History GCSE

GCSE

1-9

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Who is this course aimed at?

History is an option subject at GCSE. It is not a tiered exam so you can achieve 1-9 on the same papers. Studying History will give you the ability to communicate with people as well as being able to use evidence to make decisions and judgements.

How will I be assessed?

There are 3 formal exam papers. Paper One is 1 hour 15 minutes, Paper Two is 1 hour 45 minutes and Paper Three is 1 hour 20 minutes. You will be tested on the usefulness of sources, interpretations and your ability to support opinions and communicate your views through extended writing.

Will I enjoy the course?

You are most likely to enjoy this course if you enjoy forming and developing your opinions, arguing your point of view and investigating links that connect the present to the past. Your enjoyment of this course will be affected by poor organisation, falling behind with note-making and lack of preparation for class tasks. There is also an opportunity to go to Berlin in Year 10.

What will be expected of me?

Students are expected to come prepared for each lesson with completed home learning tasks, note books that are well organised and a determination to ask for help when necessary.

What will I study?

Paper One: 30%
Thematic Study:
Disease, Surgery and
Medicine in Britain
c1250 – present

You will be studying the development of surgery, medicine and health in Britain from 1250AD. You will look at patterns of change, trends and turning points, and the influence of factors inhibiting or encouraging change. You will also investigate the Western Front during WW1, focusing on injuries, treatments and the trenches.

Paper Two 40%
British Depth Study:
Early Elizabethan
England 1558-88.
Period Study:
Superpower Relations
and the Cold War,
1941–91

Elizabethan England: In this unit you will study how Elizabethan England was governed, plots and challenges to the throne (at home and abroad) and life in Elizabethan England.

Superpower Relations and the Cold War: You will be studying the Cold War from the period 1941-1991 focusing on the causes, key events such as the construction of the Berlin Wall and the Cuban Missile Crisis. You will then investigate how the Cold War ended.

Early Elizabethan England and the Cold War are worth 20% each.

Paper Three 30%
Germany 1918—1939

You will study Germany under the Weimar Government 1919-32, investigating the problems presented by the Versailles Peace Settlement and the impact of World War One. Topics include the effects of the Wall Street Crash, 1929 and the reasons for the rise of Hitler and the Nazis. Lastly you study Germany under Hitler including the persecution of minorities, life for women and young people and the measures taken by the Nazis to maintain control.