

# History KS4 Learning Journey



## What is the course about?

History is full of intrigue, events and experiences. Therefore, students will experience a range of relevant, interesting and engaging topics which raise awareness of the moral, spiritual and cultural aspects of the past and relate them to the world today. This course investigates and analyses key fascinating historical events across countries in the world at different time periods.

History is an exciting and challenging GCSE that requires a great deal of thought and an interest in reading and deconstructing evidence is very important. History will be learnt through a variety of sources and books, and you will undertake a great deal of extended writing.

We follow the AQA History course which is comprised of two papers and two units in each, so four in total. Students will sit the two exams at the end of the course in year 11. The structure of the course is as follows:

Paper 1: Understanding the modern world helps students to understand key developments and events in modern world history.

Paper 2: Shaping the nation enables students to understand key developments and events in the history of Britain.



## What will I do and how will I be assessed?

Assessment:

### Paper 1: Understanding the Modern World

- Germany 1890-1945: Democracy and Dictatorship; Conflict and Tension, the Inter-war years, 1918-1939
- 2 hour examination – Knowledge and source based paper.
- Worth 50% of the GCSE.

### Paper 2: Britain: Shaping the Nation and The Historic Environment

- Britain: Health and the People: c1000 to the present day British depth study on Norman England, c1066-c1100, including the historic environment.
- 2 hour examination
- Worth 50% of the GCSE.

Specific marks focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar.



## What can I do afterwards?

History is considered by all Universities as a serious academic subject and many students who opt for it go on to study History at A Level and onto University. It is highly regarded by the Russell Group Universities.



## Electronic Links

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**The Normans:**  
Conquest and Control  
Life Under the Normans  
Church and Monasticism  
The Historic Environment

## Conflict and Tension:

Peacemaking  
The League of Nations and International Peace  
The Origins and Outbreak of the Second World War  
1918-1939

**Recap Germany:**  
Before and During WW1

Yr11

**Germany:**  
Growth of Democracy  
The Depression  
Experience of Germans under the Nazis  
1890-1945

**Health and the People:**  
Treatment of Disease,  
Public Health & Surgery  
1800-2000

**Health and the People:**  
Medieval & Renaissance Period

Yr10