Year 8 Options 2020

GCSE History

Examination Board: Edexcel
Course Specification: 1HI0

What is GCSE History all about?
This new GCSE in History will offer students an in-depth look into many key events in history across a broad and exciting time span. Encompassing a wide range of themes, historical events and eras, students can understand the past and its impact on the world around us as well as developing the valuable skills of analysis, reasoning, debating and evaluation.

With a History GCSE you will be able to:

- Be analytical and critical when considering information presented to you;
- Make good decisions based on the evidence presented;
- Learn the arts of debate and expressing a clear personal point of view – invaluable skills at job or university interviews.
- Develop your use of evidence and ability to investigate key events and themes from the past up to the present.

Course Structure:
Unit 1: Crime and punishment in Britain, c1000–2016 (20%)
Whitechapel, c1870–c1900: crime, policing and the inner city. (10%)

Unit 2: Early Elizabethan England, 1558–88. (20%)

Unit 3: The Cold War, 1945-1989 (20%)

Unit 4: Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918–39 (30%)

How will I be assessed?
All units are assessed via three exam papers at the end of Year 11:
Paper 1 – Unit 1 30% weighting 1 hour 15 minutes
Paper 2 – Unit 2 and 3; 40% weighting; 1 hour 45 minutes
Paper 3 – Unit 4; 30% weighting; 1 hour and 20 minutes

Examination
- There will be a variety of questions in the examination papers. Some will be knowledge based and others will be how you use sources.
- Many of the questions will be developing structures that students have already learnt in the new Year 8 assessment styles such as:
    - Describe the key features of….
    - Explain why…
    - Explain what the most important…
    - How far do you agree with the view that…

What could I do next with GCSE History?

“Historians are regarded as having had an education that trains their minds to assemble, organise and present facts and opinions and this is a very useful quality in many walks of life and careers… History is an excellent preparation for many jobs.” Which? Report on Careers

Employers want people who are: independent thinkers; open-minded; disciplined; good at problem solving; able to pick out the essential from the trivial.

Historians develop skills that enable them to pursue careers in:
Journalism and Writing, Business, Broadcasting, Media, Management, Law, Politics, Medicine.

For more information click on https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/history-2016.html or speak to Mr Mcgarrigle.