

History

GCSE

History GCSE is a good academic subject to have as part of a range of qualifications because it is universally recognised and accepted for a wide range of jobs or further education courses. This is because History teaches core skills such as interpretation, analysis, and evaluation as well as an understanding of the past, which of course, shapes our future.

HOW COURSE IS ASSESSED:

Pupils study four topics, which are assessed in two 2 hour exams at the end of year 11.

WHERE NEXT?

Pupils who study GCSE History often choose to continue to study it at A Level, or use it as a stepping-stone to other similar subjects like Government and Politics or Law.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

Studying History can lead to a whole host of exciting career options, including Journalism, Law, Business, Politics, Archaeology, Marketing, Teaching, Banking and Acting.

COURSE CONTENT

History pupils at St George's study the AQA course

The first paper will cover the following topics:

Germany, 1890–1945: Democracy and dictatorship

- Germany and the growth of democracy
- Germany and the Depression
- The experiences of Germans under the Nazis

Conflict and tension between East and West, 1945–1972

- The origins of the Cold War
- The development of the Cold War
- Transformation of the Cold War

The second paper will cover the following topics:

Britain: Health and the people: c1000 to the present day

- Medicine stands still
- The beginnings of change
- A revolution in medicine
- Modern medicine

Elizabethan England, c1568–1603

- Elizabeth's court and parliament
- Life in Elizabethan times
- Troubles at home and abroad
- The historic environment of Elizabethan England