

Overview

Studying about past events and the people who've influenced history will allow you to understand how the world got to the point it's at now and how it will continue in the future. History tells us who we are, where we have come from and what we have inherited. In studying History, you will be able to understand change and development. You will be able to learn valuable skills whilst you study a wide range of exciting historical periods. These skills will include the ability to develop excellent communication and writing skills, the ability to construct an argument, and analytical and international skills. All key to the success not only at GCSE, but at A level and in future jobs. You will be encouraged to discuss and debate, to be active in your learning. History is interesting! It is full of facts, actions and surprises.

"We are not makers of History. We are made by History."
- Martin Luther King

Assessment

Unit 1: America 1920-1973, Opportunity and Inequality

A very interesting period of 20th Century History. How did America become the World's greatest Superpower? Why did Elvis Presley and Rock and Roll become so important in the 1950's? Why was Martin Luther King so significant? Was AL Capone the greatest gangster? This is a unit to explore American history and to see the growth of it's Government, culture and society.

Unit 2: Conflict and Tension in Asia 1950-1975

In this unit you will study two significant wars of the 20th Century. The Vietnam and the Korean Wars. You will be able to understand why these wars broke out, the changing nature of warfare and the impact not only on the two countries, but on the wider world.

Units 3 and 4 will be examined in Paper 1 in the exam. (50%)

Unit 3: Britain, Power and the People

A thematic study of the changing nature of political power in Britain. This will be an opportunity to learn and understand how power changed from Royal Power to People Power. You will learn about some very interesting and important people who forced change, for example Simon De Montfort, William Wilberforce and Emmeline Pankhurst and how they fought for the right to vote, the end of racial discrimination, equal rights.

Unit 4: Edward I, 1272-1307

The most important King of Medieval England! Certainly one of the most powerful and influential Kings and you will learn why! You will also be able to learn about how Parliament was established. The bloody wars against the Welsh and the Scots and also to be able to study that this was the period of the beginning of England becoming a major trading nation and a united kingdom.

Units 3 and 4 will be examined in paper 2 in the exam. (50%)

Progression Pathways

After completing a GCSE History, pupils can continue their studies in A Level History. This would work well in combination with English, Geography or Sociology, and especially Government and Politics.

Careers

Learning from the past can benefit your future. Studying GCSE History can lead to a whole host of exciting career options, including: **Journalism, Law, Business, Politics, Archaeology, Marketing, and Teaching.** It is the skills you learn and the application of these skills, already mentioned, that make employers keen to employ a history student.

"The study of history is the beginning of wisdom"
- Jean Bodin