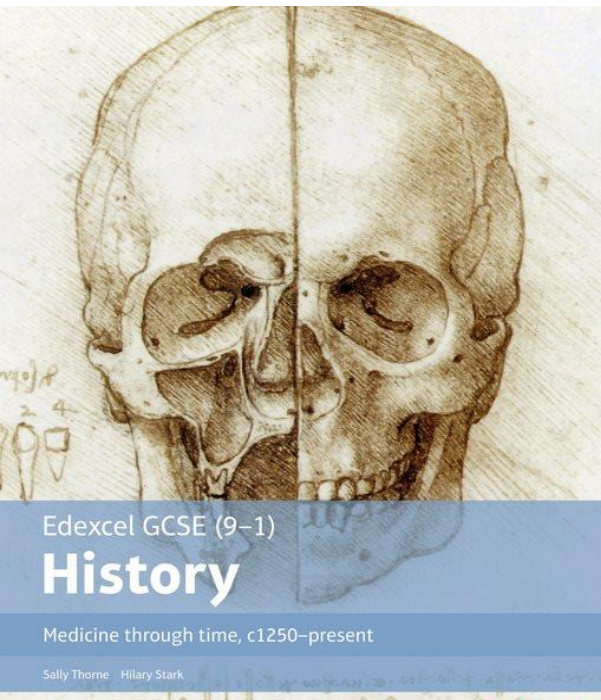


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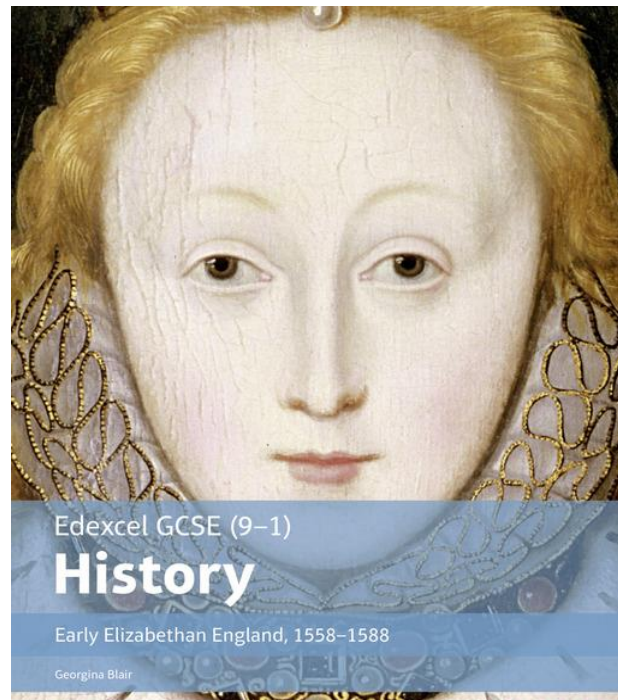


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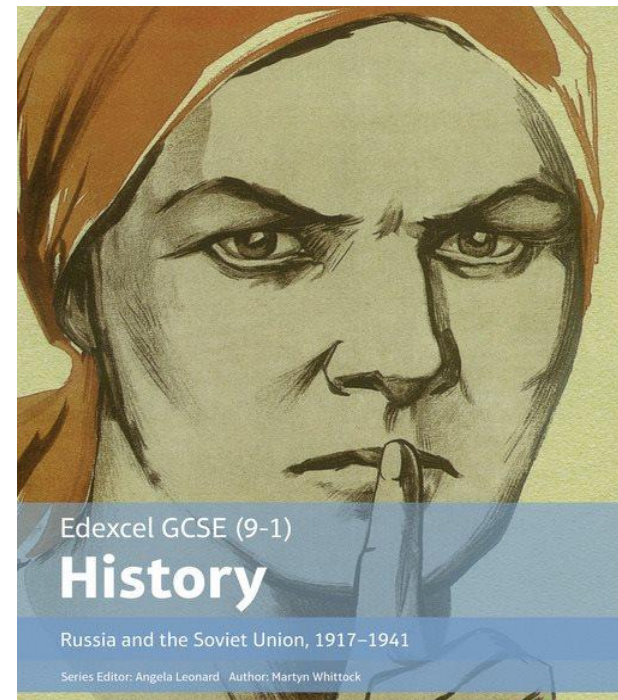


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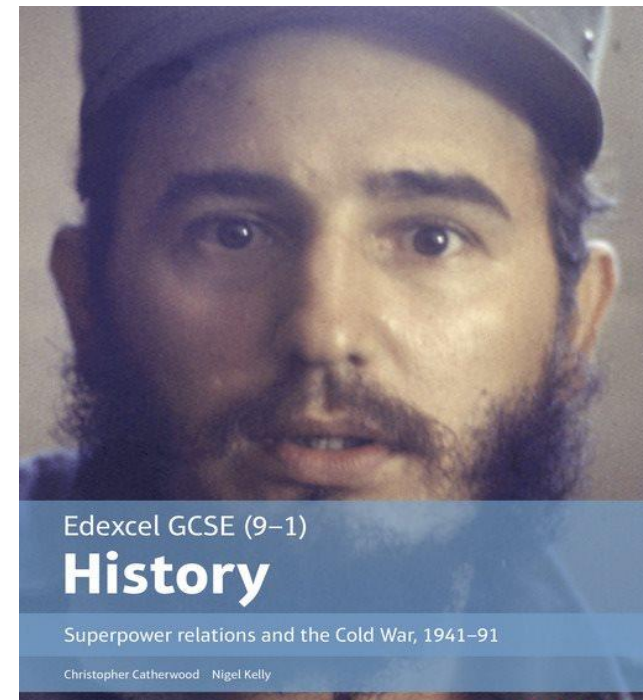


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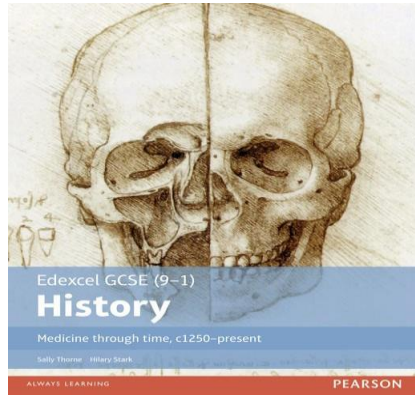
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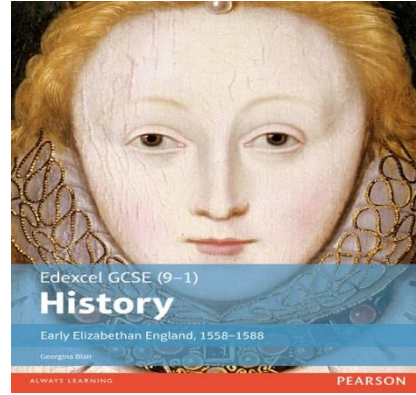
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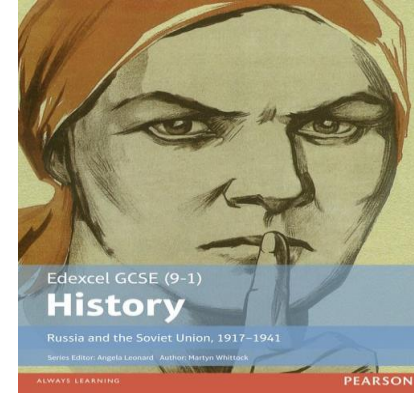
What do we study, and why study History?



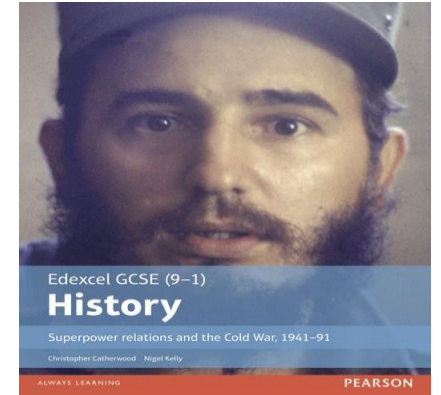
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- History has *never* been more relevant! Recent world events lend themselves perfectly and will allow you to understand the contexts for many modern issues, e.g. pandemics, America and Russian relations, etc.

'A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin, and culture, is like a tree without roots' – Marcus Garvey, Jamaican political activist.

Exam board

- The exam board we use is **Edexcel**.

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What skills will I develop and what will I study?

- You will gain a huge range of skills directly linked to future study and career options!
- You will become a **successful independent learner** and a **critical and reflective** thinker.
- You will become experts at charting **change and continuity**, evaluating **historical significance**, and a whole host of other historical skills.
- You will be able to **confidently structure** and **communicate your knowledge** in different forms while reaching substantiated conclusions.

Links to your future – Where can History take you?

- History, through further study, can link to **any** career of your choice! From a career in medicine to a career in law. The below options are the most popular choices for those studying the subject:
- National and local government
- Public services
- NHS management
- Heritage & Museums
- Teaching (the best!)
- Solicitors & Law
- Politician
- Business

Did you know?

13% of MPs in government studied History throughout their education through to university! Second place only to Politics (of course!)

Are there any trips?

- Yes!
- In Year 10 you will go on a **3-day residential** trip to Belgium to tour the major battlefields sights along with exploring the city of Ypres.
- This directly links to our GCSE study of Medicine with a focus on the Western Front in WW1.



What and how am I to be assessed?

- At the end of Year 11, there are **three** exams. The GCSE is 100% exam questions. History is a **very heavy writing subject**.
- Medicine through time = **40%**
- Russia and the Soviet Union = **30%**
- Elizabeth & Cold War (same exam paper, although different topics!) = **30% (15% each topic)**
- There is **no** coursework

Paper 1 – Medicine 1 hour 45 minutes

Paper 2 – Cold War and Elizabeth

1 hour 15 minutes

Paper 3 – Russia

1 hour 15 minutes

What our students say

- I asked a selection of students across Y9-Y11 to write a few comments about how they find History and what they would think they would have liked to know in Y8.
- I was expecting a few answers, but was overwhelmed with the feedback!
- Over the next few slides, I have collected all these comments. I won't read them out, but feel free to come back to these slides on your Year Team to read through them!



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I think the best part of GCSE history is not only that it is a very interesting subject but also that it is very useful for developing skills and knowledge that can help in understanding society today and help to improve skills in other subjects. For example, one of the key skills in GCSE history is learning to be able to write an essay and this is not only useful for history, but also in other subjects including English and Geography (yes, you definitely can take both of you want, I take both).

The course as a whole is extremely varied and helps to develop knowledge both of British history and history of other countries, including Russia, and every lesson is really interesting. Of all these, my favourite is medicine through time as it is both interesting to learn about the advancements in healthcare and people's beliefs around it and to learn about how we can deal with epidemics and how they have been treated over time. This makes history extremely relevant to society today as through the case studies, it becomes clear which methods do and do not work when trying to deal with epidemics, like COVID-19. Did you know that quarantining people was also used during the Renaissance when the Black Death was spreading?



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History has definitely been one of my favourite options to take at GCSE. Over the last two years, we have studied a variety of different topics such as the Russian Revolution, Medicine through time and Elizabethan England. Beside from the vast amount of knowledge, you will also gain really important skills such as critically analysing sources which you can apply to other subjects such as English and build a foundation for later life. One thing I wish I knew before going in is that I thought that it would be a lot of rote-based learning, but instead, your views and opinions on a range of historical events is also really important especially in class discussions. Applying for GCSE does not mean you have to be outspoken (I definitely was not!), you just have to have a perceptive mind and an interest in learning more about history! I hope you enjoy history as much as I did!



One of my favourite things about GCSE History is that a part of it is based around your own opinion of the topics and so it enables you to build up your ability to produce judgements which is not only helpful for the subject in itself, but also for your other GCSE's which contain essay writing (for example English). I also think that, from the two years i've done the subject so far, i have gained the ability to weigh up evidence in a way whereby I can support my arguments with enough proof yet at the same time make sure that i can look at a situation from two different sides. But in terms of my favourite topic, i think i would say that Elizabeth and Russia have, by far, been my favourite because even though Russia can get quiet complicated it is so interesting to look at the differences in the political aspects of Russia and England as well as the different problems it faced, previously as a wider country. And, as for Elizabeth, i think the most exciting aspect of it, is learning about the multiple problems one sole monarch can actually face and how, with the help of others, she was able to overcome them. But, i think the real question we ask ourselves when thinking about the course is whether it is still relevant today? and to answer that question i would say definitely because if it hadn't been from learning about the past mistakes of other monarchs and countries then we wouldn't be in the positions we are today, neither would the world be as it is and so i think it is really important to weigh out these factors as it is them which have contributed to the development of our current modern society. 😊 I hope this helps you look at the subject from a different perspective even if you aren't so keen on picking it.




History is a GCSE that enables you to develop a wide variety of skills and gain a deeper understanding of not only the past but also the present day. The content covered in this course combines not only British history but also events from other parts of the world such as the revolutions in Russia during 1917, medical advances across the globe and the causes and impacts of the Cold War. Furthermore, History helps you to develop a wide variety of skills that are applicable across a wide variety of subjects such as English, RS and even Geography. You learn how to develop your arguments, make more conclusive and justified judgements as well as also developing your essay writing skills.

Personally, I really enjoy history due to the wide range of topics and Skills I've learnt! Some of these skills includes how to write essays and making judgements. Essays aren't just relevant for history but for other subjects like English. This also helps to improve your writing skills which will be relevant in your future and will also play a huge helping hand if you're thinking about going to university. History doesn't just help with making balanced judgements in education but also in wider life. It teaches you to analyse and assess different options therefore you can always try and make the better decision using the skills you will learn through history.


My favourite topic we have studied is definitely medicine through time. You go right back to the Middle Ages and the black death and work your way to the present. You learn about so many different people who played a huge part in the history of medicine and you get to see how far we have come in developing new drugs to treat illness. It is by far the most interesting thing I've ever studied at Tolworth!

In my view, history is always relevant in modern society. It impacts everyday life even if it is not directly apparent. You can see this when looking at the parallels that can be drawn between today's crisis with COVID-19 and the tragedy of the Black Death in the 1400th century, and The Plague in the 1700th century - which we learnt about in great detail.


If I could suggest any subject to you for GCSE, history would absolutely be one of them and I hope you enjoy it as much as I do!



History was a new subject for me starting secondary school and that's why I found it so fun. In history, you can learn a lot about the past like how people back then slowly built the world we live in today. Skills you gain from history are critical reasoning and analytical skills, including the capacity for solving problems and thinking creatively. History helps us develop a better understanding of the world. You can't build a framework on which to base your life without understanding how things work in the world. History paints us a detailed picture of how society, technology, and government worked way back when so that we can better understand how it works. Medicine through history is really exciting as you get to acknowledge how the scientific advances developed as disease spread quicker. This can be quite beneficial if you want to pursue a career in the medical field. None of my friends chose GCSE history but now that I do it, it's REALLY FUN 🐧😊



I enjoy studying history because it gives you an opportunity to learn about events from hundreds of years ago and the people who influenced those events. You can also begin to understand how the world has reached the point it is now and how it may continue to develop.



I like history because it's not just about learning dates, it's experiencing the past and why and how people did things and how we can learn from it. The topics at GCSE are very different and intersect, and I'd recommend it to anyone as it's fun for all and you get to have your own say and opinions on the past as well. Our world wouldn't be the way it is without history and I think it's very fascinating how the world around us was made the way it is.



I think that history is an amazing gcse to take up because studying history enables you to develop better understanding of the world in that we live. It helps you gain knowledge and understanding of historical events and allows us to have greater appreciation for current events today. I like the subject because it is fun and interesting since we learn about so many different events to do with politics, the economy, science and medicine etc. History will definitely benefit me in the future since it has helped me gain team building skills and analytical and solving problems skills.



I picked history because I've always enjoyed it and I know it will benefit me in the future. I find it very interesting to get an insight into what people's lives have been like and I think that it's important to know what has happened in the past in order to appreciate and make the world a better place today. History has helped with my way of thinking and I find it very interesting learning about how the world was shaped to what it is today.

Thank you for listening/reading!
We hope you will consider History
for your GCSEs 😊