

# History

<b>GCSE History</b>
AQA Examination Board
Single GCSE Award
<b>Course Description</b>
<p>This is a modern world history course. Beginning with Britain's involvement in World War 1, we look at trench warfare and the impact of the war on the Home Front. Students explore the consequences of WW1, to include the failure of the League of Nations, the rise of Hitler and the outbreak of World War 2. Cold War conflict, to include the nuclear arms race, completes paper 1 content.</p> <p>Paper 2 introduces our students to Russia in the twentieth century, the fall of Tsarism and the rise of communism under Lenin and Stalin. Our study of "Governments in Action" concludes with America in the 1920s and 1930s, the Jazz Age, gangsters and prosperity, to the collapse of the economy and recovery with Roosevelt's "New Deal".</p>
<b>Assessment</b>
<p>Coursework = 25%</p> <p>The two coursework units are fully prepared in class and cover evacuation during WW2 and American involvement and defeat in the Vietnam War.</p> <p>Examination = 75%</p>
<b>Skills and personal qualities required for this course</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A real curiosity about the past.</li><li>• Sound reading skills.</li><li>• A willingness to think about issues and to ask questions.</li><li>• The ability to express your ideas clearly in writing.</li><li>• A good understanding of the history skills already studied in Key Stage 3.</li></ul>
<b>This course would suit you if:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You have an interest in the events and world leaders that shaped the twentieth century.</li><li>• You enjoy using a range of resources to include film, documentary, an increasing amount of ICT and, of course, written sources.</li><li>• You have enjoyed your history lessons in Key Stage 3.</li><li>• You are keen to link the present to the past to understand today's world.</li></ul>

**For further information regarding this course please see Mr Howes.**