

HISTORY (GCSE)

Examination Board

Edexcel

Overview of the course

This course will enable you to:

- Acquire knowledge and understanding of the human past;
- Investigate historical events, people, changes and issues;
- Develop understanding of how the past has been presented and interpreted;
- Analyse historical sources;
- It should also stimulate interest in the past and provide a sound basis for further study.

Course content

Paper 1: Thematic study and historic environment

- Crime and punishment in Britain, c1000–present and
- Whitechapel, c1870–c1900: crime, policing and the inner city.

Paper 2: Period study and British depth study

- Henry VIII and his ministers, 1509–40
- The American West, c1835–c1895

Paper 3: Modern depth study

- Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918–39

How you will be assessed

Unit	Assessment and duration	Percentage of overall qualification
Paper 1: Thematic study and historic environment	Exam – 1 hour 15 minutes	30%
Paper 2: Period study and British depth study	Exam – 1 hour 45 mins	40%
Paper 3: Modern depth study	Exam – 1 hour 20 minutes	30%

All exams will take place in the summer of Year 11. Students who successfully complete this course will be awarded a GCSE graded on a nine point scale: 1 to 9 – where 9 is the best grade.

A variety of question types are used, including the following:

- Questions based on visual and written sources.
- Assessing the usefulness of sources based on knowledge of the historical context.
- Making sense of a series of events.
- Explaining the importance of an event/person/development.
- Evaluating different interpretations of a Historical event.

All of these will assess your Historical knowledge as well as how you apply this to a range of sources and interpretations.

Post – 16 courses available

You can go on to study History at A level, which is currently available in The Sandon Sixth Form.