

History

WJEC EDUQAS HISTORY GCSE



Penwortham Girls'
High School

Introduction: History is arguably the most important subject you can learn. It teaches you about how your own life fits in to the history of your community, local area, country and the world. It teaches you to be tolerant and empathetic to different people and cultures, and develops important analytical skills required for a range of exciting careers from law to business to medicine. Most of all, it is incredibly fascinating to investigate and find out more about the past events and people that have shaped our world.

Description of the course: WJEC EDUQAS HISTORY GCSE

The course is divided into two components: **Studies in depth** and **studies in breadth**. For each component there are two topics:

Studies in depth: **The Elizabethan Age, 1558-1603 & The USA: A Nation of Contrasts, 1910-1929.**

Studies in breadth: **The Development of Germany 1919-1991 & Changes in Health and Medicine in Britain, c.500 to the present day.**

How you will learn:

You will learn about the different historical topics by studying a variety of primary and secondary sources. We encourage students to **question, debate** and **investigate** historical enquiries and work **collaboratively** to solve historical problems. You will be taught by experienced and highly qualified history specialists and you will have access to a wide range of revision materials and activities to help you prepare for the final exams. In addition, we also offer exciting **extra-curricular visits** to historical sites to further enhance your understanding of the past.

Assessment:

GCSE History consists of **two 2 hour exams** that both contribute **50%** to the overall GCSE. There is no controlled assessment or coursework element to the course. Both exams will provide opportunities for students to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the past and the important historical skills of description and explanation. You will also be provided with source material and historical interpretations to analyse and evaluate. There is also a section of the *Health and Medicine* examination that requires you to explain the importance of an historic site. In the 2025 exam this site will be the *Ancoats district of Manchester from 1790 to the present day*.

Using this qualification:

History is an excellent qualification for students who plan to study A Levels at college. History is an academic subject that is very highly respected by top colleges and universities. By achieving a top grade in GCSE History you are proving to future employers that you are able to problem solve, analyse evidence objectively and communicate your ideas clearly and accurately in writing. GCSE History will naturally provide a fantastic starting point for further academic studies in history or archaeology, however it is also very useful for students studying Law, English, Politics and Journalism.

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