



GCSE History – 3hr Option

Wales High School - Year 9 Subject Options

Subject Content - What will you be doing?

Students will study British and World History through different topics and develop skills in formal writing and source evaluation and interpretation. The course is assessed via three examinations at the end of Y11.

Topics Covered

Medicine in Britain, c1250–present

Students will study the development of medicine in Britain from the Middle Ages to the present day. As part of the course, students will learn about the role of the Church in medieval medicine, the history of dissection and the development of significant medical breakthroughs such as vaccination, antibiotics and the NHS.

The British sector of the Western Front, 1914–18: injuries, treatment and the trenches.

Students will learn about the British Sector of the Western front in WWI, where, in the hardest circumstance, doctors and medical officers learnt to deal with the huge number of injured soldiers. Students will look at how the British army responded to injury, shellshock and infection on the battlefields and how modern medical techniques such as brain surgery, plastic surgery and blood transfusions emerged out of the devastation of WWI.

Early Elizabethan England, 1558–88.

As one of England's most famous monarchs, the history of Elizabeth's reign is full of drama, deception and rebellion. Students will follow the story of Elizabeth from her coronation in 1558 to her famous victory over the Spanish Armada in 1588. Students will also study how English society changed in the late Tudor period.

Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941–91

From its roots at the end of the second world war, to the fall of the Berlin wall in 1991, the Cold War is a story of how two superpowers; The USA and the Soviet Union clashed over politics, power and global Influence. Students will study the major events of the Cold war such as the Berlin Crisis, The Cuban Missile Crisis and the Fall of the Berlin Wall.

The USA, 1954–75: conflict at home and abroad

In the twenty years between 1954 and 1975, America went on a rollercoaster of conflict and change that is both interesting and relevant to how the modern world operates today. Students will study the American Civil Rights movement, The Vietnam war, the rise of hippy culture, the Moon landings and the Assassination of John F Kennedy.

Key Points about the Subject

- History develops skills essential for all walks of life.
- History is a respected subject, which is recognised by ALL employers, Further Education and Higher Education institutions.
- This is a successful, lively, well-resourced department with experienced staff.
- Pupils have the opportunity to participate in trips such as to the Imperial War Museum North and the World War One battlefields in Belgium, bringing History to life.

Who can I speak to for more information?

Please speak to any member of the History department.