

HISTORY KS4

Year 9: Thematic study and historic environment Medicine through time, c1250–present Unit 1 = 30% of overall grade

In Year 9 pupils begin with an investigation of the history of Medicine, c.1250-present day. This takes them from the Medieval England and then Renaissance Europe before arriving in the Industrial Revolution and finally the Modern world. Throughout this course, pupils discover how beliefs about the causes of disease changed and improved and how this in turn affected treatments. They also learn about how some of the most important medical cures were discovered.

Pupils then go on to explore the British sector of the Western Front, 1914-1918: injuries, treatment and the trenches. This will include looking at the development of surgery including discoveries such as anesthetics, antiseptics, as well as the role of war in the development of surgery, trench systems, evacuation routes and more.

This comprises a thematic study (medicine) and a study of a historic environment (British sector). Throughout this unit pupils improve their primary source analysis.

Year 10: Modern depth study Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918–39 Unit 3 = 30% of overall grade

Pupils will start to investigate Weimar Germany and Nazi Germany at the end of year 9 into year 10. This takes them through changes in Germany from the end of World War One through to the start of World War Two. In this unit pupils discover how it was possible for the Nazis to take power and explain the rise of Adolf Hitler.

As well as this, a three day residential trip to Berlin is offered to Year 10 historians to support their course.

Year 11: Period study and British depth study Anglo-Saxon and Norman England, c1060–88 Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941–91 Unit 2 = 40% of overall grade

In Year 11 students study the Anglo-Saxon and Norman England as a British depth study, before this they will study the superpower relations and the Cold War at the end of year 10 into year 11. After completing their examination unit content students will be supported in the crucial period running up to the GCSE examinations by a series of revision sessions.

Examination information

Unit 1 – Medicine - Exam: 1 hour and 15 minutes and worth 30% of the overall qualification (52 marks - 16 for the historic environment, 36 for the thematic study).

Section A: historic environment - Students answer a question that assesses knowledge plus a two-part question based on two provided sources.

Section B: thematic study Students answer three questions that assess their knowledge and understanding. The first two questions are compulsory. For the third question, students answer one from a choice of two.

Unit 2 – Anglo-Saxon/Cold War - Exam: 1 hour and 45 minutes 40%* of the qualification 64 marks (32 for the period study and 32 for the British depth study)

Section A: Period study (superpower relations) - Students answer three questions that assess their knowledge and understanding. The first two questions are compulsory. For the third question, students select two out of three parts.

Section B: British depth study (Anglo-Saxons) - Students answer a single three-part question that assesses their knowledge and understanding. The first two parts are compulsory. For the third part, students select one from a choice of two

Unit 3 – Germany – Exam - 1 hour and 20 minutes 30% of the qualification 52 marks.

Section A: Students answer a question based on a provided source and a question that assesses their knowledge and understanding.

Section B: Students answer a single four-part question, based on two provided sources and two provided interpretations.