

Q	Why study history?
A	<p>Do you want a pay rise in the future? Studying history can help you get one. Why? Because history gives you the skills to put together a balanced, objective argument based on sound evidence. Exactly the skills you'll need to get that pay rise!</p> <p>Not only that, but understanding our past is the best way to improve our future. Winston Churchill famously said, "Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it."</p> <p>Crucially, you'll have fun learning it. Lessons are engaging and stretching and you will be proud of the highly-prized, academic GCSE you achieve at the end of the course.</p>
Q	Are there trips?
A	<p>There are two trips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A four day tour of the First World War battlefields of Belgium and northern France • A visit to the site of the Battle of Stirling Bridge in Scotland, as part of your studies on Medieval England.
Q	What will I study?
A	<p>You will study four topics.</p> <p>1) America, 1920–1973: Opportunity and inequality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part one: American people and the 'Boom' • Part two: Bust – Americans' experiences of the Depression and New Deal • Part three: Post-war America <p>2) Conflict and tension: the First World War, 1894–1918</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part one: The causes of the First World War • Part two: The First World War: stalemate • Part three: Ending the war <p>3) Britain: Power and the people: c1170 to the present day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part one: Challenging authority and feudalism • Part two: Challenging royal authority • Part three: Reform and reformers • Part four: Equality and rights <p>4) Medieval England - the reign of Edward I, 1272–1307</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part one: Government, the rights of King and people • Part two: Life in Medieval England • Part three: Edward I's military campaigns in Wales and Scotland • Part four: The historic environment of Medieval England
Q	How am I assessed?
A	<p>There are two exam papers covering the four topics. These consist of a variety of styles of question. Some are essay-style questions, others require you to analyse sources or interpretations. Your history teacher will fully prepare you for how to answer these questions, using skills and structures that are already familiar to you, such as SWIRL and ICAPON.</p>

Q	How will I be supported?
A	<p>The history department has many resources to support you in your GCSE.</p> <p>Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • our YouTube channel, bgshistoryrevision with short videos that explain how to answer each style of exam question. • a Suggested Answer Booklet for each topic. We have anticipated the questions you could be asked, and written a suggested answer for each one. Past students have found these to be incredibly helpful, both during the course and for their revision. <p>Lessons are interactive, challenging, fun and supportive – we’re sure you’ll look forward to history lessons!</p>
Q	What if I can’t decide between history, geography and EPR?
A	You don’t have to choose just one – many students take two humanities subjects.