

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." Studying history gives you the analytical and critical thinking skills to succeed in many different careers.</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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A three-day tour of Edward I's castles in Wales, as part of your studies regarding Medieval England.
Q	What will I study?
A	<p>You will study four topics.</p> <p>1) America: Opportunity and inequality, 1920-1973</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 development of stalemate and key battles • Part three: The end of the War and reasons for Germany's surrender <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 the King and the 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 question styles. Some are essay-style questions, others require you to analyse sources or interpretations.</p>

	Your history teacher will prepare you fully as to how to answer these questions, using skills and structures that are already familiar to you, such as SWIRL and ICAPON.
Q	How will I be supported?
A	<p>The history department has many resources to support you in your GCSE. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A History Handbook for each topic, which provides sentence starters for all types of questions and all the core knowledge you need to learn. • A Revision Guide for each topic. We have anticipated the questions you could be asked, and have written an exemplar answer for each one. Past students have found these to be incredibly helpful, both during the course and for their revision. • Plickers quizzes and regular knowledge checks to make sure you are remembering the key information as we progress through the course. • Regular opportunities to attempt practice questions, which you will receive feedback for from your class teacher. <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 at least two humanities subjects. The skills developed in each of the subjects are complimentary.