



ERASMUS DARWIN ACADEMY

Excellence for All

GCSE History

Aims

History lends itself to much discussion and debate. Indeed, it is a subject in which you are not only investigating events from the past, but are regularly encouraged to put forward your own views on the causes and consequences of them. The GCSE course is a stimulating one which covers a broad range of themes and periods. Much of the subject matter and the skills required in GCSE History also offer excellent preparation for A-level and for future careers.

The Course

Unit 1: Britain, Health and the People – This unit, formerly known as “Medicine Through The Ages”, allows students to learn about medical ideas, the role of doctors, deadly diseases, surgery, treatments and public health. The course is structured to look at these key areas from the year 1000 up to the current day!

Unit 2: Germany 1890-1945 - This unit is extremely interesting looking at Germany under the Kaiser and how it was involved in the lead up to, and course of, the First World War. It also allows students to investigate the turbulent years of the Weimar Republic and eventually the rise and control of Hitler and his Nazi regime!

Unit 3: Elizabethan England 1568-1603 – A unit which allows students to investigate the rule and reign of Elizabeth I, better known as Elizabeth Tudor. Various areas of her reign as queen are covered including court and parliament, everyday life and conflict both in England and abroad.

Unit 4: Conflict and Tension between the East and West – 1945-1972 – This unit involves the students investigating the political and ideological struggle between the USSR and USA in the decades after World War II. Many events are studied such as the Berlin Blockade, the Korean War, the construction of the Berlin Wall, the Space Race and the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Assessment

There are two exams at the end of the two years of study, each lasting for 2 hours. Each exam is worth 50% of the final grade. There are two units assessed on each paper. These are as follows:

Paper 1 – *Germany 1890-1945 and Conflict and Tension between the East and West - 1945-1972*

Paper 2 – *Britain, Health and the People from 1000AD to the present and Elizabethan England - 1568-1603*

Choose this course if:

- You have consistently enjoyed studying History in Years 7 and 8.
- You know for sure that at least three or the four units you'll study for this course interest you.
- You feel you'd cope with the challenge of completing extended writing tasks when you're assessed.

Post 16 Opportunities and Careers

History is a subject which is very well valued and respected by colleges, universities and employers and its value has recently been recognized by its inclusion in the English Baccalaureate. It offers a broad range of transferable skills such as; analysing and interpreting evidence, looking at an issue from various perspectives, putting forward a persuasive argument, and considering the short and long-term ramifications of events. Such skills are very important in professional fields such as; law, accountancy, business, management, logistics, teaching and many others.

Exam Board Information

AQA – Course 8145. Combination HC.

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