

An opportunity to study British and World history from a variety of perspectives, including political, social, economic and cultural, thereby gaining an appreciation of the diversity of the societies studied.

## Aims:

- To encourage interest and enthusiasm for a study of and feeling for the past.
- To gain knowledge and understanding of human activity in the past.
- To develop an understanding of the nature and use of historical evidence and the analytical study skills associated with such understanding.
- To understand the nature of cause and consequence, continuity and change, similarity and difference.
- To develop a variety of communication skills.
- To provide a sound foundation for the pursuit of personal interests.

## Unit 1: Understanding the Modern World

This unit provides an outline study of history. The content covers a 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century period study and a wider world depth study.

## Unit 2: Shaping the Nation

This unit requires the study of British History including a thematic study and a study of a British Historical Environment.

## How will I be assessed?

### Unit 1: Understanding the Modern World

Period of study. Russia 1894 – 1945, Tsardom and Communism.

Wider world study. Conflict and tension between East and West, 1945 – 1972.

**Written Paper - 1 hour 45 minutes - 50% of total marks.**

### Unit 2: Shaping the Nation

Thematic study. Britain: Health and the people c1000 to the present day.

British depth study including the Historic Environment. Restoration England, 1660 -1685.

**Written Paper - 1 hour 45 minutes - 50% of the total marks.**

## Further Information

The study of History encourages you to be inspired and to actively engage in the process of historical enquiry to develop as an effective and independent learner. You will be able to base your answers on processing authentic evidence, considering if sources are trustworthy and their relative value to a particular enquiry. You will be allowed to develop your thinking, learning and understanding about the past as well as providing opportunities for you to arrive at your own conclusions.

Exam Board: AQA Syllabus 8145

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