



**COURSE NAME: History GCSE**

**COURSE OUTLINE:**

History informs you about the past, allows you to consider why things happen and examines the consequences of actions upon the world we live in today. Take a step back in time and explore the world that once was; understand places, people and time in a way you would not have imagined. History allows you to develop critical thinking skills, the ability to debate and most importantly form opinions from what you see and hear; these are transferable skills which will help any student in later life. The History course at Harefield School explores a wide expanse of history giving students a rounded understanding of the last 1000 years. The exams we study make you think about the period of history in question and challenges your thinking and writing skills. History shows employees, colleges and universities that you have the ability to work hard, have great analytical skills and intelligence. These skills are highly valued by a range of subjects at university, and by many future employers. Studying History could lead to careers in journalism, law, advertising, the travel industry, social work, the media, and teaching!

**EXAM BOARD: Edexcel**

**SYLLABUS: History GCSE 1H10**

- Crime and Punishment in Britain over a 1000-year period.
- A British depth study of Elizabethan England.
- A modern study of Nazi Germany 1918 – 45.
- A period study of the Cold War in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

**ASSESSMENT:** All exam based. Three papers in total.

Exam Details	Percentage of GCSE weighting
Paper One - British Thematic Study with Historic Environment	30%
Paper Two - Period Study and British Depth Study	40%
Paper Three - Modern Depth Study	30%

**POST 16 CHOICES:** In the fields of management, law, administration, accountancy, journalism and marketing, GCSE level History is a highly valued asset. Many employers regard GCSE History as excellent training in the marshalling of arguments and in decision making. Students who have studied History at GCSE will have an interest in current affairs and the wider impact of politics.

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