

Subject: (OCR) GCSE History B

Introduction

This is an exciting History course that will fire learners' enthusiasm for studying History. We will aspire to encourage learners to become curious, to develop their own opinions based on a respect for evidence, and to build a deeper understanding of the present by engaging with and questioning the past. The specification is based on content which helps learners to address fundamental issues in human history. It brings together people, events and issues that learners will find fascinating and that will stimulate a desire to explore the similarities and differences between peoples' lives in the past and their own lives now.

Aims of the Subject

To enable learners to:

- Develop and extend their knowledge and understanding of specified key events, periods and societies in local, British and wider world history and of the wide diversity of human experience.
- Engage in historical enquiry to develop as independent learners and as critical and reflective thinkers.
- Develop the ability to ask relevant questions about the past, to investigate issues critically and to make valid historical claims by using a range of sources in their historical context.
- Develop an awareness of why people, events and developments have been accorded historical significance and how and why different interpretations have been constructed about them.
- Organise and communicate their historical knowledge and understanding in different ways and reach substantiated conclusions.
- Ensure that learners' knowledge is rooted in an understanding of the nature and use of historical evidence.

Coursework/Controlled Assessment

All exams are held at the end of year 11 (there is no coursework).

Assessment:

There are 3 written exam papers. These will be completed at the end of Year 11.

Paper 1 covers **The People's Health, c.1250 to present (20%)** and **The Elizabethans, 1580-1603 (20%)**. This is a 1 hour 45 minute exam, worth 80 marks in total.

Paper 2 covers History Around Us (**Scarborough Castle**): This Paper is worth 20% of the GCSE and is marked out of 40 plus 10 marks SP&G. This is a 1-hour exam.

Paper 3 covers **The Making of America 1789-1900 (20%)** and **Living under Nazi rule 1933-45 (20%)**. This exam Paper is 1 hour 45 minute long and is worth 80 marks in total.

Useful Resources and Further Information

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse-history-b-schools-history-project-j411-from-2016/>

Please see Miss Bradley, Mr Wormald or Mr Woolley for further details and information.