

# Course Title: GCSE History

Awarding Body: OCR

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## Why study History?

GCSE History provides pupils with an extensive range of transferrable skills built up through study of a diverse range of topics. History allows you to build and develop:

- written and verbal communication skills
- the ability to construct an argument
- research and independent study skills
- the ability to solve problems and form investigations
- skills of analysis and interpretation

Learning about past events and the people who have influenced history will allow you to understand the world we live in and will enable you to predict future developments based on past experiences.

## Course Outline

History at GCSE builds on the knowledge, skills and understanding developed in Lower School.

### **Year 10:**

**The People's Health 1250-today:** Pupils will look at key features of the health of the people 1250-today including the understanding of disease and their responses to it

**Norman Conquest 1065-1087:** Pupils will examine the causes of and impact of the Norman Conquest upon England.

**Hedingham Castle:** Pupils will visit and study one of the best-preserved Norman keeps in England. They will examine how it has changed over time and why these changes have taken place.

### **Year 11:**

**The Making of America 1789-1900:** Pupils will examine the changing lives of white Americans, black Americans and Native Americans.

**Living under Nazi rule 1933-1945:** Pupils will study the impact of the Nazi regime on those who lived in Nazi Germany and under Nazi occupation in Europe.

More information and the full syllabus can be found at:

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

## Assessment Format

OCR Schools History Project B

Students all follow a linear course which is assessed by three terminal examinations at the end of Year 11.

The People's Health and The Norman Conquest are examined together in one exam lasting 1 hour and 45 minutes.



History Around Us: Hedingham Castle is examined in a 1-hour exam.

The Making of America and Living under Nazi rule are examined together in one exam lasting 1 hour and 45 minutes.

### What skills will I need to be successful in this subject?

There is a strong emphasis on written communication and the ability to form supported judgements based on a wide range of evidence. Lessons are demanding in terms of pupils' literacy skills due to the wide range of content. Pupils must be prepared to answer long essay questions which will show their opinions and analytical skills.

### Possible Careers and Future Education

Studying History can lead on to some exciting career options, including working in:

- Journalism
- Law
- Business
- Politics
- Archaeology
- Marketing
- Teaching
- The Civil Service
- Management
- The Armed Forces

