

Name of Course	HISTORY
Examination Board	AQA
<p>What is history? History is the study of past events and people that have shaped the world we live in today. The study of history helps you understand the origins of modern events by developing your appreciation of why people behaved the way they did in the past.</p>	
<p>What skills will I learn? History provides you with a wide range of transferable skills. It helps you to develop the skills to look beyond the facts that are presented to you, to ask questions properly and to express your opinion. The study of history is useful to any future career where negotiation, assessing evidence and understanding the behaviour and beliefs of others is important. You will learn to collect and analyse information and use this to make confident judgements.</p>	
<p>What will I do in history? History of Medicine – A study of how medicine and public health have developed from the Romans to today. Topics include theories of the causes and treatment of disease through the ages, the developments in surgery, the impact of World War One and World War Two and the development of the NHS. Elizabethan England – An in depth look at the last 35 years of Elizabeth’s reign from 1568 to 1603. This unit will focus on some of the major events and aspects of Elizabeth’s reign such as why she never married, rebellions, the Elizabethan theatre, the execution of Mary Queen of Scots and the defeat of the Spanish Armada. America 1920 – 73 : Opportunity and Equality – This exciting unit will look at key events which explain why some people were living the ‘American Dream’, whilst others grappled with the nightmare of discrimination and prejudice. Topics include the ‘boom’ of the ‘roaring twenties’, the Ku Klux Klan, entertainment in the 1920s, 1930s Depression, the impact of WW2, popular culture (rock and roll and television) of the 1950s, the civil rights movement and the presidencies of Kennedy and Johnson. The Cold War 1945 – 1972 – A study of how tensions arose between the USA and the USSR after WW2 through a study of the key areas of conflict between East and West. Events studied include the dropping of the atom bomb, Soviet expansion into eastern Europe, the arms race and space race, the building of the Berlin Wall and the Cuban Missile Crisis.</p>	
<p>How will I be assessed? Two exams at the end of Year 11: 1 hour 45 minutes each</p>	
<p>Useful websites, helpful reading, places to visit The BBC Bitesize website has some excellent resources related to the various GCSE topics: http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/history/</p>	
<p>For further details contact Mrs C Edwards, Subject Leader</p>	

