



King's Academy
Prospect

History

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Qualification overview



Exam Board – Edexcel

The GCSE consists of 3 papers, covering 4 different topics:

- Paper 1 – Medicine through time (1250-Present), with a case study section on WWI trenches (1914-1918).
- Paper 2 – Superpowers and the Cold War (1941-1991) and Anglo-Saxon and Norman England (1060-1088).
- Paper 3 - Weimar and Nazi Germany (1918-1939).

Assessment overview:

100% Exam Based – Spring 2026

- Paper 1 – Medicine through time – 1 hour 15 mins - 30%



- Paper 2 – Superpower Relations and the Cold War and Anglo-Saxon and Norman England – 1 hour 45 mins - 40%



- Paper 3 - Weimar and Nazi Germany – 1 hour 20 mins – 30%

To be successful, you must:



- Have excellent attendance – having a good grasp of each topics' chronology is very important, each lesson builds upon the content covered in the previous one.
- Be willing to write an answer for every question, and be prepared to write the required amount for the longer answer questions.
- Follow sentence structures and respond to feedback on extended writing.
- Engage in lessons – being willing to actively take part in discussions and group work.
- Revise content as you go (from the start of year 10) and not only for mocks or the public exams.
- Take opportunities to build upon knowledge further.

Previous Student's Experience:

What I enjoyed:

- The topics we cover are varied and there is something for everyone.
- It was challenging but rewarding.

What I found more difficult:

- I struggled to start off with, but responded to feedback from my teachers and engaged in after school sessions available to help with this.

Next steps & Enrichment opportunities:



Next Steps:

- History particularly improves students' writing and revision skills, which will contribute to their success in other subjects.
- Working with sources allows students to have a greater understanding of how news is produced and the world around them.
- Opportunities for further study at A Level and Degree level.
- History is a very well respected subject, mainly due to the many transferrable skills it provides you with.
- There are strong career links to the civil service, journalism and law.

Enrichment Opportunities:

- The history GCSE has previously had a battlefields trip to France and Belgium, which directly links to the WWI trenches case study in paper 1. This year we are going to Berlin, which directly links to Paper 2. I am also currently awaiting approval for a subsidised trip to Vietnam in October of this year.
- I run a debate club every Tuesday break 2, which improves the way students express their points of view.

Any Questions?

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