

<b>GCSE History</b>	
<b>Career Pathways</b>	In history GCSE you will learn a wide range of skills that can be used in many different occupations. Skills you will learn include; source analysis, research skills, explanation skills, forming a balanced judgement and argument. Careers history can lead to include; archaeologist, broadcast journalist, archivist, museum or gallery curator, civil service administrator, and secondary school teacher.
<b>Examination Board</b>	Edexcel (GCSE (9-1))
<b>Is this the right subject for me?</b>	If you enjoy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigating how people lived in the past</li> <li>• Enjoy analysing evidence and asking questions of sources of information</li> <li>• Independent learning and research</li> <li>• Assessing and weighing up different arguments and putting forward your own viewpoint</li> </ul>
<b>What do I need to know, or be able to do, before taking this course?</b>	You will have an enjoyment and an interest in History and in finding out about the past and how it interlinks to the present. You will be able to organise your time well to meet deadlines, and be able to research and learn independently. You will enjoy reading different sources of information in order to reach your own opinion. You will need to be able to express your ideas clearly and use specific factual knowledge to support your viewpoint. Overall, you will need to be confident in analysing and evaluating sources, and use contextual own knowledge to write extended pieces of work.
<b>What will I learn?</b>	The Edexcel course is broken down into four equally weighted units. You will study: <b>Crime and punishment:</b> In this unit you will look at how crime and punishment has changed and developed over time, from Medieval England using trial by ordeal, witchcraft in early modern England, to present day punishment and the abolition of the death penalty. You will also look in depth at the problems of crime in Whitechapel and how the police dealt with Jack the Ripper. <b>Superpower relations and the Cold War 1941-91:</b> This unit involves studying what the Cold War was, how it started and how it come to an end. To do this, we will look at the relationships between different countries and how events in history impacted on these relationships. <b>Weimar and Nazi Germany:</b> This unit looks at the Weimar Republic in Germany, its creation, downfall, leading to the rise of Hitler and the Nazi Party. You will look at the challenges faced by the Republic and how society changed under its rule. We will then move on to Hitler's early political years, analysing how he was able to be a dictator and what life was like under Nazi rule in Germany. <b>The reigns of Richard I and King John:</b> For this unit, we will study and compare the two kings, looking at what life was like for ordinary people under their reign and how they ruled England. We will look at why Richard went away on Crusades and why they failed. Then look at why John failed in France and the impacts this had on life in England
<b>How the course will be assessed?</b>	The course will be assessed through three exams. <b>Paper 1</b> (1 hr 15) – Crime and punishment and Whitechapel = 30% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section A – knowledge, plus evaluation of sources</li> <li>• Section B – knowledge</li> </ul> <b>Paper 2</b> (1 hr 45) – Superpower relations and Richard and John= 40% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section A – Superpower relations – knowledge</li> <li>• Section B – Richard I and King John – knowledge</li> </ul> <b>Paper 3</b> (1 hr 20) – Weimar and Nazi y (1918-1939) = 30% KS4 Pathways Booklet - Jan 2020 – v2 38 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Section A</b> – knowledge, plus evaluation of sources</li> <li>• <b>Section B</b> – evaluation of sources</li> </ul> In order for you to be full prepared for the requirements of these exams and to ensure you will be fully successful at the end of this course, you will be completing a range of different activities and practice exam questions in your lessons to develop your understanding of both the topics and exam techniques.