

**Course Outline**

The GCSE History course is a relevant and interesting one which will encourage you to be reflective and think critically. Our course is designed to enable students to use sources of information to argue ideas effectively taking into account other people's opinions. Students will learn how past events have shaped our community, nation and the world today. You will be assessed by exam extended written assessments.

Students will study four topics:

The GCSE History course is split into early modern and modern historical units. 50% of the history studied will be British with the remaining history units exploring the rise of the Nazis and the changes in America during the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**Assessment**

	<b>Content</b>	<b>Length of exam</b>
<b>Paper 1</b>	Section A: The British sector of the Western Front, 1914 – 1918: injuries, treatment and the trenches  Section B: Medicine in Britain, c1250 - present	1 hour 20 minutes
<b>Paper 2</b>	Early Elizabethan England, 1558 – 1588  The American West, c1835 - c1895	1 hour 50 minutes
<b>Paper 3</b>	Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918 – 1939	1 hour 30 minutes

Exams account for 100% of the final grade and will consist of short and long extended written answers.

Paper 1 is worth 30% of the final grade

Paper 2 is worth 40% of the final grade

Paper 3 is worth 30% of the final grade.

**Progression/further study**

A-Level History (see College prospectus or website for GCSE grade requirements). History teaches skills that are very valuable for the study of many subjects at a higher level. A-Level History is a preferred subject for many Law Degrees. A-Level History is well regarded by Universities as a challenge that prepares young people well for life and important careers. Many of our students continue their History studies at The Redhill Academy 6<sup>th</sup> form.