

## Subject: History GCSE

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### Introduction

**OCR's GCSE History B** is an exciting new history course that will fire students' curiosity for the study of the past. It has been constructed in partnership with the Schools' History Project and reflects our commitment to offering worthwhile and inspiring school history. Students build a deeper understanding of the present by engaging with and questioning the past.

### What will I study?

**The thematic study** provides students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in successive periods of history, from the Middle Ages to the present day. The focus of the study is The People's Health. Students will explore government responses to a range of health challenges including the Great Plague of 1665, the Gin Craze of the 1700s and cholera epidemics in Industrial Britain.

**The depth study** encourages students to learn about a fascinating aspect of British history: *The Elizabethans*. Students will analyse a wide range of interpretations to explore the concept of a Golden Age in Elizabethan England.

**The *History Around Us*** module is an essential part of the course. Students will visit a site of interest and consider how the historic environment has changed over time.

**The period study** follows the unfolding narrative of the expansion of the Viking world from the first Viking settlement in Russia around 750 to the end of the Viking age around 1050, with a focus on their homelands, expansions into the East and West and evaluating the impact of mixing with other cultures as their kingdom unfolds.

**The World depth study** will enable learners to understand the impact of the Nazi dictatorship on people's lives, both within Germany and across occupied Europe.

**Skills needed to study this subject:** Academic skills, using a dictionary and developing vocabulary knowledge, memory skills and presentation skills.

### How will my work be assessed?

- Component 1 – The People's Health & The Elizabethans (40%)
- Component 2 – History Around Us (20%)
- Component 3 – Viking Expansion, Living Under Nazi Rule (40%)

### What would this subject enable me to do when I leave school?

**Possible Careers + Future Study:** Apart from enjoying the course, and being much more aware of the world around you, GCSE History will provide you with a solid foundation for further study or employment. Many people working in law, media, tourism and education have studied History. This is because the subject helps you to develop reasoning skills and the ability to argue your point using evidence.