WBS – GCSE PREFERENCE INFORMATION 2026 - 2028

GCSE: HISTORY

Examining Board: Edexcel

Subject Leader: Miss Lane

Teachers: Mr Alderslade & Mrs Macdonald

Course Overview:

Crime and punishment in Britain, c1000–present (20%), and Whitechapel, c1870–c1900: crime, policing and the inner city (10%) – Jack the Ripper case study

American West, c1835-c1895
-Plains Indians
-White migration
-Settlement
-Tension
-Conflict
-End of the frontier

Anglo-Saxon & Norman England, c1060-c1088
-Norman Conquest, William the Conqueror and the Battle of Hastings
-Changes from Anglo-Saxon to Norman society
-Resistance to Norman rule

Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918–39
-Post WW1 & the Weimar Republic
-Rise of Hitler and the Nazis
-Dictatorship & Persecution

Why study History?

History is a highly valued subject by colleges, universities and employers across the board. You are taught how to look at the world critically, analysing evidence in order to come to reasoned conclusions. This is becoming a more and more important skill in the modern world.

Potential careers:

Anything – you are not pigeonholed by History. Law, journalism, politics, business, PR, civil service, finance, education, media etc etc…

About the Exam (no coursework):

Crime & Punishment:

Paper 1: Thematic study and historic environment

Written examination: 1 hour and 15 minutes

30% of the qualification*

American West / Normans:

Paper 2: Period study and British depth study

Written examination: 1 hour and 45 minutes

40% of the qualification*

Weimar & Nazi Germany:

Paper 3: Modern depth study

Written examination: 1 hour and 20 minutes

30% of the qualification*