



Blue Coat Church of England Academy

Year: 11

Subject: History

Overview

Students follow the Edexcel GCSE (9-10) course that is made up of 4 main elements that are divided across three examined units at the end of the course:

Paper 1 - is made up of a breadth study exploring Medicine in Britain, c1250–present and The British sector of the Western Front, 1914–18: injuries, treatment and the trenches.

Pupils will show an understanding of how key features in the development of medicine were linked with the key features of society in Britain. We look to understand patterns of change, trends and turning points to discover how medicine developed or regressed over time. The key factors are: individuals and institutions (Church and government); science and technology; and attitudes in society. For the British section on the Western Front we investigate how far medicine advanced due to the impact of war.

Paper 2 – is made up of two distinct areas of study one being a British depth study focused on Elizabethan England 1558-1588 and a period study focused on the Superpower relations and the Cold War. The Elizabethan unit focuses on the challenges she faced a home and aboard, combined with investigating exploration to the 'New World'

Paper 3 – is a modern depth study on Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918 – 1939. With this paper students will explore the impact of the end of the First World War and the emergence of the Weimar Republic. We study the ups and downs of the Republic including: creation of the Weimar government, impact of the Treaty of Versailles, 'Golden years' of the Weimar. The second half of the paper examines the creation of the Nazi party, Hitler's rise to power, creation of a dictatorship and life in Nazi controlled Germany.

The students are examined using knowledge of the topics studied, interrogation of sources and through develop their ability to assess historical interpretations.

By the end of the Spring term pupils will be able to focus on their revision, to reflect and recap prior learning in readiness for the GCSE examinations.