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| Course name: GCSE History |
| Which course/ syllabus will I be following?  Edexcel |
| Reason  GCSE History helps students make sense of the world we live in today by focusing on the key events, issues and people that have helped shape this world.    **Thematic study and historic environment**   * Medicine in Britain,1250 to the present day * The British sector of the Western Front, 1914-1918: injuries, treatment and the trenches   **Period study and British depth study**   * Early Elizabethan England, 1558-1588 * Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941-1991   **Modern depth study**   * Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-1939   GCSE History equips students with transferable and employable skills, such as gathering and analysing data; evaluating and analysing sources and interpretations; formulating arguments; reaching judgements and communicating clearly. |
| How is the course assessed?  GCSE History is externally assessed in three exams at the end of Year 11:   * Exam Paper 1: Thematic study and historic environment-30% of the GCSE-1 hour 15 minutes * Exam Paper 2: Period study and British depth study-40% of the GCSE-1 hour 45 minutes * Exam Paper 3: Modern depth study-30% of the GCSE-1 hour 20 minutes   GCSE History assesses the following in the exams in questions which range from 4 marks to 20 marks:   * Knowledge and understanding (35%) * The ability to explain and analyse (35%) * The ability to analyse, evaluate and make judgements about sources/interpretations (30%) |
| Which careers/ post 16 courses will this course help me to prepare for?  Describe the pathways and progression routes for this course.  History is relevant to a variety of careers, including Law, Journalism, TV and Radio, Politics and Local Government. Those considering a career in medicine or science may find the thematic study of particular interest. |

