IGCSE HISTORY

‘To remain ignorant of things that happened before you were born, is to remain a child’ – Cicero

Why should I choose IGCSE History?

Studying History helps you understand how the world has come to be the way it is. How the world we live in today was shaped and defined by the key events of the last century. Understand your world!

The subject is important, fascinating, challenging and highly rated by colleges.

The skills for higher education and employment, which the History course provides are: Individuals who are independent researchers. The ability to interpret and analyse challenging pieces of information. Skills of description, explanation and evaluation. The ability to use and interpret graphs, newspaper articles and speeches. Good communication skills. Computer literacy.

Course content

You will learn about the key events from the 20th Century: The Causes of World War One, The Peace Treaties of 1919-1923, Germany 1918-1945, the League of Nations and the Collapse of International Peace- the Causes of World War Two

Each year there is a different prescriptive topic: some past topics have included the Vietnam War, Korean War, Cold War and the Collapse of the Soviet Union.

How will I learn?

Throughout the course we will be doing regular tests and exam questions. Other learning methods include: Independent research, oral presentations, group work, extended writing, peer and self-assessment.

Recent fieldtrips include:
Penang War Museum

How will I be assessed?

The course (CIE History) is exam based. There are 3 exam papers all taken at the end of year 11 in June- each focuses on different skills. The breakdown is as follows:

Paper 1: Core topics (see above) and Depth Study (Germany 1918-45) - 2 hour exam (40% of final mark)
Paper 2: Prescribed topic - Source based exam - 2 hour exam (33% of final mark)
Paper 4: Alternative coursework - Depth Study (Germany) - 1 hour exam (27% of final mark)

Post 16 opportunities:

Careers in which knowledge of History would be useful include:
Lawyer
Journalist
Teaching
Diplomat
Politician
Lecturer
Government Official
Management
And many more...

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