



# Welcome to GCSE History 😊



## Exam board: Edexcel



# What skills will I learn?

History at OSWBA is a popular option for GCSE as it is interesting, relevant and helps to develop a number of key skills.

Students studying History will gain:

- The skills to explore and analyse the most exciting events that have ever happened to humankind.
- The ability to examine evidence and to notice changes.

Learn to:

- Question and interrogate how and why events have been interpreted in certain ways.
- Organise and communicate your knowledge and understanding in different ways.



Students at OSWBA get **good grades** in History! We have had students go on to achieve some of the **top grades including several Grade 9s!!!!** 😊

# What topics will I study?

## Crime and Punishment & White Chapel 1000-present and Whitechapel, c1870-c1900

*The origins of crime and the legal system. Learn how criminals were caught, treated and punished from the middle ages to the modern day. Study the social roots of prisons, reform and policing. Case study: Whitechapel murders - how did London police fail to catch Jack the Ripper?*

## Elizabethan England, 1558-1588

*Renaissance England, war with Spain, discovery and expansion of a burgeoning empire. Delve into the religious crisis of the Tudor period and why the Queen's life was in danger for much of her reign.*

## The American West 1835-1895

*The expansion of the USA into the West and the displacement of native people. Discover the way of life of the Native Americans, how they lost their fight for freedom and the impact of the endless march of progress. The true and sordid story of America's rise to greatness*

## Weimar & Nazi Germany 1919-1939

*How did Hitler, a poor artist from Austria, become one of the most evil men in history? How did Germany turn from the most progressive and forward thinking societies on earth, into the darkest place in world history?*



# How will I be assessed?

## **Paper 1: Thematic study and historic environment**

(Crime and Punishment with Whitechapel 1hr 15 mins)

## **Paper 2: Period study and British depth study**

(American West & Elizabethan England 1hr 50 mins)

## **Paper 3: Modern depth study**

(Weimar & Nazi Germany 1hr 20 mins)



# What careers can I go into?

- Lawyer
- Archaeologist
- Historian
- Teacher
- Librarian
- Politician
- Archivist
- Museum worker
- Business
- Journalist



These jobs will use your historical knowledge and skills directly but studying history is helpful in most careers due to the skills you obtain.

- Forming an argument
- Coming to a judgement
- Analysing evidence
- Problem solving
- Sorting/organising information
- Good memory for dates/events/people

# Famous people who have studied History



Sacha Baron Cohen (Ali G)  
- Actor/Comedian



Louis Theroux - Journalist



King Charles - Monarch



Johnathon Ross- TV  
Presenter



Shakira - Singer



Salman Rushdie - Writer

# Contacts:

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We are looking forward to seeing lots of you (hopefully!) in September 😊