

# Shoeburyness High School

## Year 9 Subject Information

# *GCSE History*



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## Subject Information:

- The examination board is **AQA**.
- You will cover **four different examination units**:
  - Paper 1: **Germany**; Democracy to Dictatorship, 1890-1945
  - Paper 1: **Conflict and Tension in Asia**, 1950-1975
  - Paper 2: Britain; **Health and the People**, c.1000 to the present day
  - Paper 2: **Elizabethan England**, c.1568-1603
- You will sit **two 2-hour examinations** at the end of Year 11.
- You will use **historical skills** covering: **explanation, source and interpretation analysis and evaluation**.



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## Is GCSE History right for me?

Are you interested in the past?

Are you good at remembering key dates, names and places?

Do you like a challenge?

Are you willing to work hard?

**If you have answered yes to these questions, then GCSE History might be right for you.**



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## Germany; Democracy to Dictatorship, 1890-1945

You will understand the **key events in German history**; e.g. the impact of WWI, the Weimar Republic, the Stresemann era, the rise of the Nazis and the impact of the Nazis on the German people.

**What topics have we already studied in History that link to this unit?**

The First World War, the Interwar Years, the Second World War and the Holocaust.

**Here are some examples of questions you will investigate:**

- How did Germany become a **democracy** in 1918?
- What was the impact of the **Treaty of Versailles** on Germany?
- Why was the new **Weimar Republic** in danger in 1923?
- How did **Hitler** become Chancellor in 1933?
- How did the **Nazis** keep control?



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## Conflict and Tension in Asia, 1950-1975

You will explore two wars – **Korean War 1950-53** and the **Vietnam War 1954-1975**. You will understand the causes, events and impacts of both wars.

**What topics have we already studied in History that link to this unit?**

The Cold War - Korean War and Vietnam War

**Here are some examples of questions you will investigate:**

- Why was the **tension** in **Asia**?
- Why did the **Korean War** start?
- Why did **Americans** get involved in **Vietnam**?
- How did the **anti-war movement** impact America?
- How did the **Vietnam War** end in 1975?



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## Britain; Health and the People, c.1000 to the present

You will explore the **development of medicine** from the Medieval era to present day. You will evaluate the **factors that caused these developments**, e.g. war, religion, science and technology etc.

### **What topics have we already studied in History that link to this unit?**

The Black Death and the Great Plague, the Industrial Revolution and the World Wars.

### **Here are some examples of questions you will investigate:**

- How has the understanding of **causes of disease** changed over time?
- What factors led to the **development of surgery**?
- Which individuals made significant **developments in treatments**?
- How did doctors treat their patients before **antibiotics**?
- Why was **the NHS** introduced in 1948?



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## Elizabethan England, c.1568-1603

You will explore the events of the **Elizabethan era** and understand the government, religious settlement and wars. You will also explore a specific Elizabethan site which looks at a part of the 'Golden Age'.

**What topic have we already studied in History that link to this unit?**

The Tudors

**Here are some examples of questions you will investigate:**

- Why was **Elizabeth I** known the '**Virgin Queen**'?
- How was Elizabeth I able to defeat the Spanish in the **Spanish Armada**?
- How did Elizabeth I's government **control the people** of England?
- Why did Elizabeth I **execute Mary Queen of Scots**?
- Why was the Elizabethan era known as the '**Golden Age**'?



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## Examinations:

- You will sit **two formal examinations** at the end of **Year 11**.
- **Both examinations are two-hours long** and will involve **two units in each**.
- In each unit you will answer a **number of questions (16 different question)** ranging from a **4-mark question which is a small paragraph of 5 lines**, to a **16-mark essay questions which is at least 2 paragraphs and a conclusion**.
- For each unit, the **last question is an essay question** of 12 or 16-marks.
- There is **no higher or foundation tiers** to the exams.
- There is **no coursework**.





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## Career Progression

**Possible careers following further History studies include:**

- Journalism
- Media
- Teaching
- Archaeology
- Politics
- Public Services
- Social work
- Law



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## University Progression

Some of our A Level students have recently gone on to study History, Law and English.



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