THE WORTHGATE SCHOOL
CANTERBURY

COURSE DESCRIPTOR

IGCSE HISTORY

SUBJECT OVERVIEW

If you are interested in people's lives and the forces that influence them, then History is the subject for you. By studying History, you will be developing the skills of communication, analysis and argument. This subject will challenge you to make valid interpretations of past events and yet remain objective. Lessons involve analysis of various sources, discussion and use of multimedia. We will focus on using sources critically, developing valuable skills of analysis and evaluation.

PRIOR LEARNING REQUIRED

An interest in, and a desire to study, History are essential, along with curiosity about the past, and interest in research and problem solving.

EXAM BOARD

Edexcel

COURSE CONTENT

Year 1	Year 2
Depth Studies 6 – A world divided: superpower relations 1943-72 **Breadth Studies B2** – Changes in medicine c1848-c1948	**Historical Investigation A1** – The origins and course of the First World War 1905-18 **Depth Studies 3** – Germany: development of a dictatorship 1918-45

ASSESSMENT

Formal internal assessments take place once every half term and homework is set on a regular basis.
Grades are determined by final examinations, which take place in May/June at the end of the 2-year course.
Practical work is assessed within the school for the practical endorsement, which is a pass or fail.
An end of year exam must be passed for entry to year 2 and a mock exam must be passed for entry into the public exams.

Paper	Length of paper	Weighting
Component 1. Depth Studies	60 marks 1 hour 30 minutes written paper	50% of the qualification
Component 2. Investigation and Breadth Studies	60 marks 1 hour 30 minutes written paper	50% of the qualification

TEXTBOOKS/REVISION GUIDES

Title	ISBN	Author
A World Divided: Superpower Relations, 1943-72 (Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) History)	978-0435185442	Nigel Kelly
Changes in Medicine, c1848–c1948 (Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) History)	978-0435185404	Cathy Warren
The Origins and Course of the First World War, 1905-18	978-0435185428	Rosemary Rees

(Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) History)		
Development of Dictatorship: Germany 1918-45 (Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) History)	978-0435185381	Victoria Payne

Summaries of each unit, your notes and past examination papers will be your major source of revision.

CURRICULUM DIRECTOR

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