

Details at a Glance

Qualification

GCSE

Level

2

Exam Board

WJEC

Tiered

No

Periods per fortnight

6

Limited Group size

No

Staff

Mrs L Williams

Miss S Roberts

Course Structure

Do you enjoy reading about the century's major events that have shaped the way we live?

Do you enjoy debates and discussions about important issues?

If so, then History is the subject for you! For the first three years at Cefn Saeson you have been studying a wide range of topics from the Middle Ages to the Twentieth Century. Now at Key stage 4, you will have the opportunity to put all the skills you have learned to a more detailed study of History.

History is unique in its ability to train people to think, analyse, collect, sort and produce information. It is an exciting and stimulating subject which permits many combinations at 'A' level and further education.

It is an excellent discipline if you are thinking of a career in law, banking, education, television, journalism or research. In short if you want to understand the world you live in today, you need to have studied the past!

The department has consistently achieved excellent results in recent years, and we expect a total commitment to the subject and for all students to demonstrate the ability to work hard. We place a great emphasis on developing study skills, on examination technique and in developing the ability to communicate fluently in both speaking and writing.

Course Content

Russia in Revolution 1905 - 1924.

- Revolution
- Opposition to the Tsar
- Murder of the Tsar his family
- Rasputin
- Lenin & Trotsky
- Life under Communist rule

War, Depression and Recovery;

- Wall Street Crash
- The threat from Nazi Germany

- Bombing of Swansea
- Evacuation
- Role of radio and cinema during the war

Changes in crime and punishment, c.1500 to the present day;

- Heresy and treason in the 16th C
Stocks, pillory and executions
- Smuggling and highway robbery in the 18th C
- Disorder during the Industrial Revolution
- Abolition of the death sentence
- Terrorism in the 20th C

Coursework

Two separate tasks, one with a focus on source evaluation and the other focused on historical interpretations. These are likely to be based on the USA from 1919 – 1990 and include:

Civil Rights

Segregation of black people in the 1930s; Ku Klux Klan; Race riots; Black success in sport, media & entertainment

Examination/Assessment A* - G Scale

At the end of Year 10 pupils will have the opportunity to sit one paper and 'bank' their score. The other two units will be sat at the end of Year 11.

Coursework will comprise of two extended pieces of work based on

segregation in the United States and the influence of Martin Luther King.

The History Papers are **not tiered** and results are reported on the A* - G scale.

