

Frequently Asked Questions for History

1. What is the exam board?

Edexcel

2. How many exams are there and what percentage of the total is each exam:

Paper 1: Thematic study and Historic Environment (30% of the qualification)

Thematic study: Medicine in Britain, c1250–present

Historic Environment: The British sector of the Western Front, 1914–18: injuries, treatment and the trenches.

Paper 2: Period Study and British Depth Study (40% of the qualification)

Part 1) Early Elizabethan England, 1558–88

and

Part 2) Period study: Superpower relations and the Cold War, 1941–91

Paper 3: Modern depth study (30% of the qualification)

Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918–39

3. What does Thematic mean (in the title for paper 1?)

Thematic in Paper 1 refers to the fact that the same factors will be compared over four different time periods. For example, students will compare the role of institutions such as the Church or the

government on methods of preventing illness across the medieval, early modern, Victorian and modern eras.

4. Are there any key resources that I should buy to support my child taking this subject?

Any of the revision guides produced by Letts or GCP or Pearson would be useful, but not necessary. The BBC bitesize website is very useful for Edexcel history. We will also provide students with several digital copies of revision guides.

5. Are there specific resources to support homework and revision:

Revision and homework: All students must sign up to Seneca and can use this for revision for all our topics. The students do not have to wait to be set an assignment to use this online revision tool.