



Richard Lander School

History – Key Stage 4

Richard Lander School is a maintained school which follows the National Curriculum at both Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4.

The History GCSE is a very popular option at Key Stage 4 and students will follow the Edexcel History GCSE course. The course structure comprises four units and 3 exam papers.

Paper 1: Crime and Punishment from 1000AD to the present day

This is a breadth study which includes a section on the historic environment (Whitechapel and the Jack the Ripper murders).

This is 30% of the overall GCSE.

1 hour and 15 minute written exam.

Paper 2: The American West c1835-c1895 and Early Elizabethan England 1558-1588.

This is 40% of the overall GCSE.

1 hour and 45 minute written exam.

Paper 3: Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918-1939.

This is 30% of the overall GCSE.

1 hour and 20 minute written exam.

This is more information on each unit here:

https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/History/2016/specification-and-sample-assessments/9781446925867_GCSE2016_L12_History_Web.pdf