



HISTORY

Subject Leader

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Examination Board

WJEC

What skills and qualities are required for GCSE History?

- Analytical Skills.
- Communications skills – both verbal and written. A good command of the English language is particularly important.
- Evaluation skills.
- Organisational skills.
- Initiative.
- Independent learning and research skills.
- Working with others

How will I learn?

You will learn through reading, writing, discussions, listening, analysing data, developing presentation skills and group work.

Skills you'll develop through studying History

- Written and oral communication.
- Logical thinking and decision making.
- Analysis.
- Research and decide between relevant and irrelevant information.
- Understanding how a complex series of events interact.
- Interpretation, distinguishing between cause and consequence, identifying changes.
- Questioning, attention to detail and using evidence.
- Evaluating.
- Balancing strengths and weaknesses and drawing conclusions.

How will I be assessed?

Both unit one and unit three will be assessed by written examination at the end of Years 10 or 11.

40 % of the qualification will be completed in class.

How popular is history at Bassaleg?

History at Bassaleg School is a very popular option with over 450 students studying it for GCSE and A level.

Results –History students achieved a pass rate of 97 % A*-C in 2024

What will I study?

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Unit 1:</u></p> <p>Unit 1: An in-depth study on Welsh history Written examination 30% of qualification</p> <p>Early modern history: Wales and the Civil War Era, c.1603-1660</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Unit 2:</u></p> <p>An in-depth study on European or World history Non-examination assessment 20% of qualification Marked by WJEC</p> <p>Medieval history: The Black Death c.1330-c.1360- A study in medieval society</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Unit 3:</u></p> <p>A study of an extended period. Written examination 30% of qualification</p> <p>Modern history: Changes in US society c.1880-1980</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Unit 4:</u></p> <p>Wales and Britain/the UK- People and Progress. Non-examination assessment 20% of qualification Marked by centre and moderated by WJEC</p> <p>Modern history- Title to be set by WJEC each year.</p>

Where could studying history lead?

Employers and universities really value History as it is viewed as a “rigorous” subject which provides students with a wide range of useful skills. The strengths of History as a qualification lie in the possibilities and opportunities it opens up. Employees and universities alike will appreciate the variety of transferable skills provided through study of the subject, chiefly the ability to understand and analyse issues and events to a high level.