

GCSE Ancient History at Budmouth Academy

Awarding Exam Body : OCR

Our stimulating course builds upon the skills developed at Key Stage 3, to deliver a GCSE to equip students with a range of relevant skills for their chosen career path and an understanding of the world around them, while studying a brand new area of history.

In Year 10 we will be studying:

- Period Study : The Persian Empire 559 - 465 BC
- Depth Study : Alexander the Great 356 - 323 BC

In Year 11 we will be studying:

- Period Study : The Foundations of Rome : From Kingship to Republic 753 - 440 BC
- Depth Study : Cleopatra : Rome & Egypt 69 - 30 BC

We will then focus on revision in preparation for summer examinations.

Assessment

100% examination. This will take the form of three papers.

Paper	Topics	Length	% of overall grade
1	The Persian Empire 559 - 465 BC Alexander the Great 356 - 323 BC	1 hour 45 mins 100 marks + 5 SpaG	50
2	Foundations of Rome 753 - 440 BC Cleopatra : Rome & Egypt 69 - 30 BC	1 hour 45 mins 100 marks + 5 SPaG	50

The course will enable students to develop a range of key transferable skills for their post-16 education as well as future careers, regardless of whatever they may be. Students will become confident in handling information and assessing its provenance and utility. They will also become highly skilled at developing supported judgements based on the precise selection and deployment of evidence. The ability to assemble sustained arguments as well making judgements is a highly valued skill in further education, as well as a wide variety of careers; including journalism, law and teaching. Students who study GCSE history are culturally aware of the society in which they live as well as being truly global citizens who have an understanding of the world around them and how the present world came to exist as it does. Through collaboration with others, they become extremely effective communicators, in both written and verbal form.

You can receive further information on this subject by emailing the Subject Leader for History, Mr J Bezant

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