



Carleton Community High School

A Specialist Science with Mathematics School



GCSE History

Overview of course:

Medicine Through Time - A study of the development of medicine from the Prehistoric period to the modern day. This part of the course gives students the opportunity to look at many different periods of history; the changes in medicine reflect deeper changes in the societies of those periods. For example during the Medieval period there was a reliance on methods of healing that had been approved by the church that began to fade when the authority of the church was challenged during the Renaissance. Students gain an understanding of how societies changed, as well as medicine itself.

Controlled Assessment – Students will be required to submit a 2000 word essay on ‘History around us’. At Carleton (as at many other schools) we focus on the development of castles. We study castles in the local area and some further afield and ask: ‘How typical is castle ‘x’ as an example of overall castle development?’

American West – This is known as the depth study. Students study the story of the Great Plains in America, looking at what happened when the Native American culture clashed with that of the American settlers in the 19th century, ultimately leading to the destruction of the Native American way of life.

Assessment:

Controlled Assessment – 1 x 2000 word essay submitted at the start of the two year course. (25%)

Paper 1 Exam – 2hour long exam, with questions about Medicine through Time and the American West. Taken in the Summer Term at the end of the course. (40%)

Paper 2 Exam – 1hr 30mins exam, with source question solely about Medicine through Time. Taken in the Summer Term at the end of the course. (This will have a focus on British Public Health) (35%)

Important dates:

November 2015 to Summer 2016 – Revision, Revision, Revision

Tuesday 24th November AM – Paper 1 Mock exam (Paper 2 has been completed in lessons)

Plus 1 revision session will be after school on a Thursday (Week 1)

Revision Guides are available.

May/June 2016 – both summer exams to take place (dates to be confirmed)

Home Learning:

Students will regularly be given exam questions at the end of topics for them to complete at home. They may also be given revision as a homework task in preparation for end of unit assessments. Students are also reminded regularly that they need to be revising the subject in their own time. This can be done via BBC Bitesize and the Revision Guides and the GCSE POD.

There is no special equipment needed for this course.