

# GCSE History

## What will I learn?

GCSE History is an academically robust subject which will enable you to study key events, people and changes over a broad historical period. Viewing history from both a national and a global perspective, you will learn about international relations, global conflict and the political development of key countries, and take a detailed look at changes in British society.

You will study:

- Crime and punishment c1000- present
- Early Elizabethan England, 1558-1588
- Weimar and Nazi Germany, 1918-1939
- The American West, c1835-1895

## What do I need to know before I can start the course?

The GCSE course builds on content and requirements from KS3 so some knowledge and understanding of the topics studied would be helpful, but not essential.

## What does the course involve?

GCSE History is an academic course and requires further reading, discussion and essay writing. We use a variety of approaches in order to:

- Study the key historical events, people, changes and issues of history
- Examine the most dramatic and troubled periods of history in detail
- Develop analysis and evaluation skills
- Develop independent research skills
- Independently interpret and evaluate sources.

There are three external examinations at the end of the course.

## What can I do after the course? What careers will this course be useful for?

History is part of the academic group of English Baccalaureate GCSE subjects and is recognised by Russell Group universities as one of their preferred 'facilitating subjects' at A Level. History provides a good basis for many careers and further study because of the skills it teaches you. You could use your study of History to study A levels in History, Sociology and Law. The subject is highly thought of by employers and has links to careers in teaching, museum work, archaeology, law, journalism, TV and film research, the travel industry, or art gallery work. The army, police, government, research organisations and business world also value the research skills that historians develop.

## Who can I talk to for more information?

Please see any of the History teachers in the department or Miss Corp, Programme Leader for Humanities.

## What websites can I check out?

<https://www.history.org.uk/student/resource/2914/careers-in-history>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zj26n39>