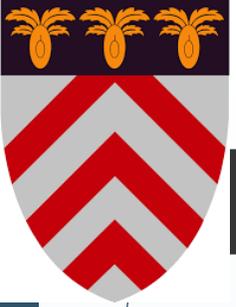# GCSE History

GCSE History provides a perfect opportunity to continue to learn about the world we live in and how it has been shaped by events from our past. In GCSE history, you will learn about various topics in world and British history and develop on the core skills of reasoning, debate and analysis, that you will have been developing during KS3 history lessons.

The topics that we cover are:

- **Germany from the Kaiser through to the Nazi dictatorship – the most notorious political regime in the world!**
- **The battle to avoid nuclear Armageddon between the USA and the USSR in the Cold War**
- **The development of power in British history – discover how we got from an all powerful king to the democracy we have today**
- **The reign of Elizabeth I**

This GCSE allows you to investigate different perspectives of British, European and world history across the last millennium. Work in lessons involves a wide variety of activities, including discussion and debate, use of historical sources, role play and group work. The course is perfect for anyone who is interested in culture, the nature of conflict and discovering how our past has shaped our present. In addition, we provide students with the opportunity to expand on their subject knowledge by providing suggestions for independent work, such as watching documentaries or films. A prime example being Robert Carlyle's chilling performance in 'Hitler: The Rise of Evil'.

# Frequently asked questions

**What skills do I need to study GCSE history?**

The main attribute that you need to bring to your lessons is an interest in the subject and a willingness to learn. As with all of your GCSEs, there will be a requirement to work hard to achieve your best but your teachers will be there to support and guide you to do your best.

**Do you offer any trips?**

You will be invited to take part in our optional three day residential visit to Berlin in Germany. This is intended to give you the opportunity to see first hand what life was like under the Nazis regime and how the city was divided during the Cold War. This visit is for enrichment purposes, it will enhance your understanding and is a fantastic way to learn about the past

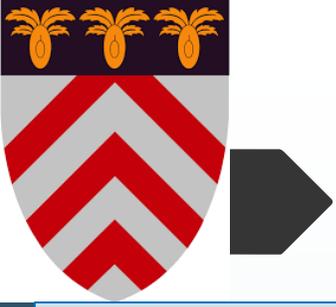**How will I be assessed at GCSE?**

You will be assessed via two written exam papers at the end of Year 11.

**Paper 1** (50%) - Germany 1890-1945 and the Cold War, 1945-1972

**Paper 2** (50%) - Power and Protest, c.1170-present and Elizabeth I, 1568-1603

**How can I find out more information studying history at GCSE?**

Speak to your history teacher who will be happy to advise you and give you any information you need. You can also book an appointment at parents' evening to discuss your options.

# Student feedback

**Propaganda** by Year 11
Stalin's rule was ruthless,
Hitler's Germany fell,
Communism wanted equality,
There's so much more to say,
The Great Depression was a lesson,
That was interesting to tell,
'Duck and Cover' told us all about the Arm's Race,
We all know that America won first place.
The Magna Carta was a Charter that really raised the bar,
This all proves that history really has come so far,
So come and join our history class,
And learn about the past,
We learn about the power,
It really is a blast.
We hope you enjoyed our history cheer,
To help you make your choice,
History is very fun,
Come and use your voice!

- We're living through history now, so why not learn about it!

- My confidence was really low at the start of Year 10 and I was worried about getting good grades, but my history teacher has been so supportive and has given me lots of advise that has brought my grades up so much. I am really happy with my history work now!

- I like history because learning events in history feels like I'm following a story. It is like watching a movie. The lessons are also fun with a variety of different tasks so it isn't all just writing notes in your book

- The analytical skills that I have learnt in history have really helped me in my other subjects