



# WHY STUDY HISTORY?

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# HOW CAN GCSE HISTORY HELP YOU?

We all live in a volatile, dynamic and interconnected world. Knowledge of the past is essential in understanding and trying to make sense of what's happening now.

GCSE History helps us to do both, through studying key events and individuals from the past and the ways in which they have shaped our present.

Employers are always looking for young people who are able to think critically and analytically, both key attributes of the historian, and studying GCSE History can help you take the first steps on a variety of career paths, including law, journalism, marketing, human resources, and management.

GCSE History also serves as a platform for further study at A level and undergraduate level, either in history itself or in a wide range of alternative disciplines.

It can act as the foundation stone for education of all kinds and helps develop academic skills crucial in a range of fields.

These include:

1. the ability to absorb large quantities of information
2. sift content
3. analyse sources and interpretations
4. shape arguments and reach balanced conclusions.
5. Above all, though, GCSE History provides a highly interesting and stimulating course of study, allowing the investigation of a wide range of periods and societies in the past at international, national and local level.

# WHAT WILL I STUDY?

4 units:

Elizabethan England

Germany in Transition

USA in development 1929-2000

Crime and Punishment 500c-present day

# HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

2 two hour exams.

Paper 1

- Elizabethan Age (1 hour)
- Germany (1 hour)

-Paper 2

- Crime and Punishment (1hr 15 mins)
- USA (45 mins)

# WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

GCSE History is the perfect subject to develop and assess a wide range of transferable skills for employment or further study

Reaching conclusions and making judgements

Problem solving

Writing skills

Research skills

Independent study skills

Analytical and evaluative skills

Making connections

# TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

Visit to Poland (Auschwitz)

London Dungeons or Blackpool Dungeons

Clink prison

Ruthin Gaol

Little Moreton Hall – Elizabethan Manor house

Hampton Court

Thanks for listening, if you have any questions please attend the forum Thursday 2 March and/or complete the online questionnaire to guide us on the sort of questions you would like answering.

Thanks

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