

# GCSE History

## *Why study History?*

- History is a very well regarded subject by employers and universities.
- It is very interesting and full of colourful historical characters and important events.
- It gives you a better understanding of the modern world.
- There is the opportunity to visit Berlin and First World War battlefield sites.

## *What will I study?*

### **Paper 1: Understanding the modern world**

Germany, 1890–1945: Democracy and dictatorship  
Conflict and tension, 1894–1918

### **Paper 2: Shaping the nation**

Britain: Health and the people: c1000 to the present day  
Elizabethan England, c1568–1603

## *How will History benefit me?*

- History teaches you to be critical, to make judgements and to communicate your arguments effectively.
- You will be taught important source evaluation and essay writing techniques.
- You will be encouraged to talk about history. Debate and discussion will be an integral part of the lessons.
- You will develop skills of analysis and evaluation which will prepare you for university study and the world of work.



### **ASSESSMENT**

#### **Paper 1:**

Understanding the modern world

Written exam:

1 hour 45 minutes  
(50% of the GCSE)

#### **Paper 2:**

Shaping the nation

Written exam:

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