

History

What will I learn?

In GCSE history you will study:

- Germany, 1890–1945: Democracy and dictatorship.
- Conflict and tension between East and West, 1945–1972.
- Britain: Health and the people: c1000 to the present day.
- Elizabethan England, c1568–1603.

What skills do I need?

Why study history? Everyone considering GCSE history should think about this question. It is reasonable to expect that anyone studying history has an interest in the past – but that should not be the only reason. In today's world, where the focus is on today and tomorrow, the value of history is often questioned. Below are a few reasons why you should study history:

- History requires a complex range of skills.
- History teaches lessons about past, present and future.
- History teaches you to research and interpret.
- History teaches you to think and problem-solve.
- History teaches you to communicate.
- History prepares you for many professions.

Assessment

Examination

- Paper 1: Understanding the modern world | 2 hours | 50%
- Paper 2: Shaping the nation | 2 hours | 50%

Could lead to:

A GCSE in history is useful for a range of opportunities at post-16. A good grade will allow you to take any A-level courses including history, politics, English and social science courses. It is also useful for students considering a career in medical sciences. The skills you have gained will also be valued by vocational courses and by employers. Many students who wish to go in to law use history to show that they can interpret evidence and present a substantiated conclusion from it.